

SIKESTON GIN PARTLY DESTROYED SUNDAY

The fire department was called out Sunday about 1:00 o'clock by an alarm from the Sikeston gin. The fire was discovered by Curley Taylor, who lives nearby. The engine room at the west end of the plant was entirely destroyed, four or five bales of cotton that was on the platform were burned and something like thirty to fifty bales damaged.

At this time, no estimate of damage can be set on the high priced engines, but on the building, platform and cotton, it is believed the loss will be around \$8000.

No damage was done to the cotton house, the seed and seed house.

As soon as the insurance adjuster arrives, it will be determined whether or not the plant will be repaired at once or wait until spring. It is believed at least 200 more bales of cotton will come in and if either of the engines can be placed in commission, the balance of the cotton can be handled.

The fire broke out at the west end of the plant and caught from crap shooters or boys smoking.

RAIL WORKER'S MURDER PROBED BY GRAND JURY

Benton, December 9.—The Scott County grand jury, in session here since Monday, reported to be investigating the mysterious circumstances surrounding the slaying of B. M. Hargett, a Frisco railway brakeman, at Chaffee last August, adjourned late Thursday, but will convene again December 27 to resume its inquiry.

One indictment in connection with the investigation has been returned. J. B. Crader, a Frisco employe at Chaffee, was indicted on a charge of perjury and has been arrested. He is being held in jail, failing to make bond.

A number of witnesses, most of them from the Chaffee community, have been called and it is reported have related to the jury some of the mysterious circumstances surrounding the death of Hargett.

Hargett's dead body was found on a deserted street in Chaffee late on the night of August 18. Examination showed he had been dead only a few hours.

Authorities in investigating the slaying found that Hargett had come to Chaffee earlier in the day and had registered on the extra board for railway duty. Previously he had been employed by a small railroad, now owned by the Frisco, at Jonesboro, Ark., his home.

Testimony at a coroner's inquest revealed he had been visited by a number of men early in the evening. Authorities believe he was slugged over the head while in the room, taken "for a ride" in an automobile and shot to death before his body was thrown out on the street.

One man has been arrested in connection with the slaying and is being held under heavy bond.

D. H. CLOAR PASSES AWAY SATURDAY

D. H. Cloar passed away at the home of his daughter, Mrs. W. H. Tanner, on Gladys Street, Saturday morning, after a long illness. The body was taken to Union City, Tenn., to the home of a sister, where funeral services were held at 10:00 o'clock Monday morning and the body was laid to rest in the cemetery at Clayton, Tenn.

Mr. Cloar was a respected citizen of Sikeston, where he has lived for many years. He was especially well known by the traveling public as he had been a hotel keeper for many years, having been the proprietor of the Jefferson Hotel, on Prosperity Street, until the death of his wife several years ago.

He leaves to mourn his death, a daughter, Mrs. Rivers Tanner, and one son, Kelsy Cloar, also a sister at Union City, Tenn.

The Junior Epworth League met Monday afternoon with Mrs. Lyle Malone.

Mrs. Mary A. Fox, 76 years old, died Friday at her home at Bertrand. She had been a resident of Mississippi County for more than 50 years. Funeral services were held Sunday. Surviving her are two daughters, Mrs. S. B. Hardwick of Bertrand and Mrs. S. Darby of Dexter. The Standard joins friends in extending sympathy.

COOLIDGE ENDORSES ARMY FLOOD PLANS

Washington, December 8.—Placing the full support of his administration behind it, President Coolidge today transmitted to Congress the army engineers' plan for controlling Mississippi River floods.

The proposal deals with the lower valley alone, from Cairo, Ill., to the Gulf, and would cost \$296,400,000, to be expended in ten years. It provides for a spillway above New Orleans, diversion floodways in the Atchafalaya and Tensas basins in Louisiana, a river bank floodway from Cairo to New Madrid, Mo.; the strengthening and raising of existing levees and the stabilization of the river channel.

The Federal Government would bear 80 per cent of the cost of the control project, estimated at a total of \$185,400,000, and all of the \$111,000,000 expense for stabilization and mapping of the channel. The valley states would assume 20 per cent of the flood control cost. The National Government now pays only 66 2/3 per cent of flood control costs.

Although the lower courses of the Mississippi's tributaries directly connected with its so-called alluvial valley are included in the plan, the problem of controlling the floods of those streams is left for the future until the army engineers complete their survey authorized by the last Congress. The construction of reservoirs is deemed "too costly" by the report in proportion to their value as flood control measures.

The large cost of the project "is manifestly justified", the President declared in his special communication to Congress, "by the necessities of the situation and the benefits that will result". The plan is described by Coolidge as "comprehensive, and appeals to me as being adequate in its engineering".

"The Federal Treasury should bear its portion of the cost of engineering structures for flood control", continued Coolidge, "that is justified by the national aspects of the problem and the national benefits."

"In determining the distribution of the costs there must be considered not only the people of the valley itself who receive the major benefits, but also the great mass of taxpayers who suffer less directly from the Mississippi River floods and upon whom most of the burden of federal taxation falls."

The engineers' report, a bulky document containing a number of maps and many technical data, was signed by Maj. Gen. Edgar Jadwin, Chief of Army Engineers, who personally supervised much of its drafting. In a letter presenting the report to the President, Secretary Davis of the War Department said the plan "seems to afford the maximum of protection with the minimum of cost."

The recommended plan fundamentally differs from the present project in that it limits the amount of flood water carried in the main river to its safe capacity", the report said, "and sends the surplus water through lateral floodways."

The scheme of levees of sufficient height to contain the maximum possible floods, which was the past method, it added, was discussed and found inadvisable.

The essential features and functions of the plan were outlined as follows:

"The floodways from Cairo to New Madrid, from the Arkansas River through the Tensas basin in the Red River and from the Red through the Atchafalaya basin to the Gulf will relieve the main channel of the water it cannot carry and lower the floods to stages at which the levees can carry them.

"A controlled spillway to hold the levees down to safe stages at and near New Orleans.

"Local setting back of levees in the main river at bottle necks (narrow channels) to increase its carrying capacity and reduce its flood heights.

"Greater protection against crevasses by strengthening and moderately raising the levees where needed to meet predicted flood stages.

"The progressive revetment of caving banks to protect the foundation of the levees and to stabilize the river both for flood control and navigation.

"Improved navigation channels for river traffic, not less than 300 feet wide and 9 feet deep, to be obtained by dredging and training works where necessary between Cairo and New Orleans."

Reforestation is held under the plan to be a supplementary measure, although it is considered "a step in the right direction and beneficial in reducing soil erosion". The forest service had recommended the acquisition of 8,500,000 acres of land for reforestation at an estimated cost of \$42,700,000.

Under the project a total of \$25,000,000 would be expended the first year and approximately \$30,000,000 each year until completed.

The report, in dealing with the river from the mouth of the Arkansas to Cape Girardeau, said that with confining of water between levees alone in a maximum possible flood, the levees would be topped with stages as high as 6 feet.

From Cape Girardeau to Cairo, Ill., it recommended that the levees should be raised and strengthened. The plan is to set back about five miles from the west bank of the Mississippi River, levees from Bird's Point opposite Cairo to St. John Bayou just east of New Madrid, seventy miles by river below Cairo, and to lower the present river bank levee by 5 feet so that when the stage at Cairo reaches 55 feet, the water will begin to flow into the wide floodway below. This enlarged channel will preclude any predicted flood from rising above levees protecting Cairo, the report said.

It was pointed out that this will give the Cairo levees at least 3 feet free in a flood equal to that of 1927. Mound City will also benefit from the floodway it added. The levees along the Mississippi and the Ohio in front

of these towns are to be strengthened under the plan and extended slightly. The report continued:

"The new west levee from Bird's Point to New Madrid will be stronger and higher than existing levees on the river bank and will afford protection against any predicted flood. The land in the floodway between the new levee and the present river bank levee, other than the backwater area of the St. John Bayou, will be protected against all stages on record, except those of 1927. A considerable part of the total area is always subject to backwater from the St. John Bayou.

The floodway between the new and old levees will be capable of cultivation at all times excepting in floods greater than that of 1922. An estimate is included for removing part of the dike on Tiptonville Ridge to reduce the backwater area at the mouth of the St. John Bayou to the minimum practical.

"From Cape Girardeau to Cairo", the report said, "the levees on the east bank are of moderate height. They will be raised and strengthened to take care of the maximum flood predicted as possible."

"The cheapest diversion developed south of New Madrid was from New Madrid to and alongside Crowley Ridge and from St. Francis to White, by a cut near Mariana. Its estimated construction cost was \$220,000,000, a sum far in excess of cost to levee raising, which is feasible in this reach.

"From New Madrid south to the mouth of the Arkansas, levees will

therefore be raised to a grade line equal to that of the maximum flood predicted as possible, except possibly between the main river and backwater areas of the St. Francis River and the White River, where a lesser raising may be expedient.

"The St. Francis basin generally, the city of Helena, and the upper Yazoo basin on the east, will be protected against the greatest predicted flood and have an ample levee free board for a flood equal to that of 1927.

"These levees will be strengthened as well as raised. The draw down from the Cypress Creek relief levee into the Boeuf River diversion below makes it possible to protect the lower part of this section of the river from super floods without excessive levee raising. The average amount that levees are to be raised thruout is approximately 3 1/2 feet above the present grade."

SIKESTON BURGLARIZED THURSDAY NIGHT LAST

By the use of skeleton keys, burglars entered the Sample Shoe Store Thursday night and took \$29.75 that had been hidden away for the night. Nothing else was missing.

At Harry Lampert's, across the street, the same means was used to gain entrance, but the party or parties must have been frightened away as nothing was missing, but a flashlight was left.

Charles Prow is expected back from a business trip in St. Louis, Tuesday.

YOUNG MEN ARRESTED FOR ROBBING MYERS

Sheriff Barham of Stoddard County asked local officers to arrest Ira Jones, Tommy Ryan and "Rabbit" Ryan on a charge of robbery and assault with intent to kill.

They were arrested Wednesday night and are now in jail at Bloomfield awaiting a hearing for assaulting and robbing of George Myers, near Salcedo, Sunday night.

Four young men were seen in a car in that vicinity late that evening and the description given by Myers led to the taking before Myers of Ira Jones and one of the Ryan boys, who were identified as being of the party.

MISS DOVER ANNOUNCES HER ENGAGEMENT

When Miss Lottie Dover invited friends to come to her home Saturday evening to play bridge, they did not think that they were to find a tiny strip of paper in the toe of a Sana Claus boot with "Lottie to Ralph", written on same, which was the way she announced her engagement to Mr. Ralph Reed, an engineer with Division No. 10.

Miss Dover is one of the finest and most popular girls in Sikeston and Mr. Reed is most fortunate in finally getting her to say, "yes". It is presumed the wedding will take place in the spring, after the close of school, as Miss Dover is one of the valued teachers.

The following friends were the first to hear the news: Mrs. N. C. Watkins, Mrs. Louis Emory Baker of Chicago; Mrs. Miley Limbaugh, Misses Dorothy Lillard, Anita Winchester, Lillian Shields, Catherine Smith, Hilma Black and Martha Gresham.

MR. AND MRS. A. B. DILL CELEBRATE GOLDEN WEDDING DAY

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Dill celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Jack Shuppert, Sunday, with all their children present. It was a very happy occasion for this highly respected and christian couple. Before partaking of the bountiful repast, prepared by her loving family, Mrs. Mary Miley composed and read the following tribute to this fine old couple:

To Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Dill, on the occasion of their fifteenth anniversary, December 11, 1927:
Two travelers who thro' calm and stormy weather
Have climbed the hill of life together.
Sometimes the way was hard and rough,
But there was always courage enough
To bear the load when the way seemed long
And Faith would sing a trustful song.
As each round was made
And as the heights came to view
A daughter and five sons were with you.
When the children had left the home nest
Father and Mother began to rest.
We spend our years like the tale that is told;
The spirit may be young, tho' the body be old;
So, do not mind the rainy weather,
You've had fifty years of life together.
May this your anniversary of gold
Many happy memories for you hold
When your children are gone to their homes once more
And the joys of this day are o'er
When the last happy song is sung,
May you both feel fifty years young.
Those who were with them on this occasion were:
Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Dill, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Dill, Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Dill, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Dill and daughters, Elizabeth and Marian, Miss Margaret Cisne, all of Carbon-dale, Ill.; Mr. and Mrs. Gord Dill and son, Hildreth, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Strain and children, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dill and children, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Carter, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Held, Mrs. Mary Miley, and Marion Carter.

The Standard joins their many friends in extending congratulations and best wishes for many more anniversaries to this father and mother.

PAN CAKE SUPPER

A pancake supper with all the trimmings will be served by the Christian ladies in the church basement, Friday evening, December 16, 5:30 to 9:30. All you can eat for one price.

WEST ROUTERS DELAY ACTION IN ROAD FIGHT

Morehouse, December 9.—Further action of the West Route Association in its fight for the location of federal Highway 61 on a different route from that selected by the Missouri Highway Commission will await the obtaining of additional information, Wm. Crumpecker, chairman of the association, announced here today following a meeting Thursday night.

Members of the association from all parts of the district attended the meeting, at which Chief Engineer T. H. Cutler came in for considerable criticism because of his report recommending the proposed Kingshighway route for the road location. Crumpecker announced that another discrepancy had been found in the report. On the Kingshighway route, he said, 22.8 miles of the present highway is given a refund value of \$100,000, an average of \$4412 a mile. On the west route 10 miles of the old road used in the location of the new is given a refund valuation of \$62,500, or \$6250 a mile. The lower refund valuation per mile on the east route helped to make the engineer's estimate of construction cost lower than that of the west route, Crumpecker said.

Further investigation of Cutler's report Crumpecker said, discloses that half of the 26 bridges charged against the west route could be replaced with culverts, so that the cost of the west route construction could be reduced more. The unnecessary bridges, he stated, have been located over small ditches used to drain farms.

Another meeting of the association will be announced for an early date, Crumpecker stated, awaiting the return from Washington of members interested in the highway location. In the meantime, he said, the association will continue to gather information relative to its cause.

Among the speakers at the meeting here last night were James A. Finch and Tom Gallivan of New Madrid, and other members of the association.—Cape Missourian.

MRS. R. F. ANDERSON'S PUPILS TO GIVE RECITAL FRIDAY

The pupils of Mrs. R. F. Anderson will have a private recital at her home on North Kingshighway, on the afternoon of Friday, December 16, at 5:00 o'clock, at which time the following program will be rendered:

C Major on Parade Fox
Melba Hudson
Waltz Streabog
Martha Jane Marshall
Skipping Stones Gest
Jeannette Baker
Ripples Lawson
Marshall Sutton
Long Long Ago Bayley
Helen Baker
Wishes Terry
Chinese Dance Carter
Herman Sutton
Chatter Hellard
Wootsen Inez Hollingsworth
Little Serenade Grunfeld
Henrietta Moore
Barcarolle from Tales of Hoffman
..... Offenbach
Norwegian Wedding March
..... Soderman
Virginia Baker
Let's Dance Buel
Anne Beck
Idilio Lack
Mazurka Senonil
Josephine Hudson
Valse for the Left Hand Alone
..... Krogmann
Marie Antoinette Aucliffe
Marie Marshall
The Butterfly Lavalley
Bourree Weidig
Virginia Hudson

Miner Switch Baptist Church
Regular services—Every second and fourth Sunday.
Sunday school—Every Sunday, at 10:00 a. m.
Everybody cordially invited to attend every service.
A. E. RAY, Pastor.

The Standard family enjoyed country sausage, spare ribs and tender loin from the farm of Louis Watkins' near Vanduser.

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Davis and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Davis and babe of Collinsville, Ill., motored to Sikeston Saturday evening and visited Dr. E. J. Malone and family over Sunday. Mr. Davis is a brother of Mrs. Malone.

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It looks now as if the location of highway No. 61 had been settled and the east routers had won out, whether it will remain settled, remains to be seen. Chairman Matthews kinder took the wind out the west sides, when he disqualified himself from voting on the proposition. This was a wise move on his part and squelched all criticism of the decision which was unanimous for the east or Kings-highway route. There has been entirely too much mud slinging in this controversy, and even admitting that chairman Matthews did own a few hundred acres of land on the east route, we do not believe it has influenced him one bit in his decision; he is too big a man for that, he is not a peanut politician always looking for a political job of some kind. But were not the boosters of the west route equally as selfish as the charges they hurled at Mr. Matthews? Did not the Little River Drainage District, the insurance companies, Himmelberger-Harrison and nearly every man who was a booster for the west route, own land along the proposed west side route and did not they expect to reap a benefit in increased values of their land? Of course they did, or they would not have put up the money that was necessary to carry on this fight. When the west side routers charge C. D. Matthews with ulterior motives in this matter, they made a serious mistake—Ilmo Jimplieute.

The grand jury that has been in session to investigate some special cases has adjourned until December 27. If they care to throw a little kick into the community, they might look into the matter of hunting on Sunday, as that is a misdemeanor.

Highway 61 north held water several inches deep Sunday and several cars were stalled by the water splashing up and drowning the engine. Along the sides are the best drainage ditches that has ever been along this road, but the maintenance engineer has from four to twelve inches of gravel ridged up along the outer edge of the road bed that prevented the rain water from running into the ditches. Passing cars knocked the water out of the road bed a sit could not run off. The north road is smoother than it has ever been before and if the water could drain into the ditches along the side, would be above criticism.

One man's guess is just as good as anybody's so we are going to guess there will be no court action taken by the West Route Association against the present plans to proceed with letting the contract south from Sikeston to New Madrid following the late survey. The deeds for the right-of-way have already been prepared and an official out of the Jefferson City office will assist with the work of getting them signed. The contract for the first 20 miles will be placed in January and work of widening will start immediately thereafter. Much of the preliminary work can be done during February and March and by early spring the contractor will be ready to rush the work to completion.

New 1928 Missouri hunting and fishing licenses are being shipped to the various county clerks throughout the State by the State Game and Fish Department. A total of 361,075 licenses have been printed, an increase of 31,575 over the original orders for 1927 licenses. The Standard is authorized to state that these licenses will be ready the first of the year and anyone making application for license and not receiving same within a week, notify John Malone, deputy game warden, or the game and fish commission at Jefferson City.

Governor Al Smith, of New York, told how he stood on the 18th Amendment, last Sunday. He says he is in favor of enforcing the dry law as well as every other law, and that it is the duty of his state's constabulary to enforce it although New York voted to renege on its passing of an enforcement law. Smith is right. Disregarding a law does not nullify its behalf of every man to obey the law.

The Governor goes further to say the people have a right to oppose any law. Senator Borah, whose dryness is not questioned, said the same thing, but Borah went further and said he would rather see the question submitted to the people by a re-submission of the amendment through proper channels than to see it practically nullified by non-observance. Borah was right. No matter how salutary a law may be, the right of the people remains to have such law nullified legally, but this doesn't mean to nullify it by breaking it. Both Smith and Borah, and for that matter, every other thinking man and woman are of the same opinion.—Dexter Statesman.

Our grandson, Bill Payne, of Ballston, Va., aged 6 years, writes to have us see Santa Claus for further equipment for his electric train and railroad. The matter has been taken up with Old Santa and in due course of time, the Virginia lad will have his confidence in Grandad and Santa Claus renewed.

The prosecuting attorney of Butler county became a little peeved at the Daily Republican, a local Poplar Bluff paper, and sent the following word by one of the paper's reporters: "The Daily Republican can go to hell, I'll run my office to suit myself". A good many people say newspaper editors never go any other place than the direction given to the Daily Republican, but the Butler county prosecutor infers in his statement that some may travel in the opposite direction, hence we are imbued with new hope.—Jackson Cash-Book.

Last Thursday morning Sikeston thermometers registered as low as 6 degrees above zero. Monday morning 64 above zero was the reading, with the weather bureau predicting sleet and snow in Southeast Missouri. These high and low readings makes it hard to dress for the weather if we had the clothes.

Another mania which clamors for a cure is our mania for taking up collections. It is becoming a costly nuisance to every business community. Hardly a day passes but that subscription papers are passed, most of them without sufficient provocation. It is because the business community is too easy. First among its New Year resolutions should be one to say no to the man—or the woman—collection taker unless the cause be one of genuine merit. It is just a matter of time, as matters are now going, until we will be called on to provide railroad tickets, room with bath, box tickets and spending money for indigent sports who wish to attend ball games or prize fights in a big city. We sometimes think public panhandling should be forbidden except to those who can give satisfactory evidence to some hard-boiled official that the facts warrant the privilege.—Paris Appeal.

SIMON IS HARD PUT

Simon Loebe, the richest newspaper man in Southeast Missouri (he made his money selling the great open spaces to bill board advertising instead of columns in his newspaper), breaks down and confesses that he is a religious nuisance in his town. He makes public admission that every time he goes to church some saint quits the church for good and disappears into the ranks of the unbelievers. He stops short of explaining this antipathy of his neighbors but makes the blunt and Christian like retort that he is through with going to church. Taking the admonition of St. Paul, "If thy right hand offend cut it off", he says he will not be seen in church any more. Surely this is the stuff of which martyrs are made.

Knowing Simon as we do, it is only fair to say that we are not willing to believe it is his repulsive personality. Simon is not blessed with undue pulchritude, nor is he an Apollo or Adonis as to general appearance, but he is not a satyr. After due consideration and by a process of elimination we have reduced the cause of the exodus of his brethren to one of two reasons, either his snoring is raucous and unmusical, jarring on the more sensitive nature of his constituencies or, the community needs a revival of old-fashioned foot washing religion. The latter if practiced once or twice a month might relieve the assaults made on the olfactory senses of those sitting in the nearby pews.

These suggestions are made in the interest of religious worship and for the further purpose of maintaining community harmony in Simon's home town of Charleston.—Poplar Bluff Republican.

Street accidents are becoming so much more numerous, especially in the big towns, that the hospitals find all their beds taken up with such patients, leaving no vacancies even for urgent cases of illness.

OLD SIKESTON PAPER
SENT TO THE STANDARD

Mrs. James Limbaugh has sent to The Standard, a copy of the Scott County Democrat, published at Sikeston, Mo., April 10, 1897, that contains many items that might interest some of the readers of today. The paper was published by Ernest R. Leary.

Across the top half of the paper is announcement of the Easter Specials being offered by the Emory, Sikes & Co. store, and some of the styles shown would look strang at this age of few clothes.

C. D. Matthews carries an advertisement and personally guarantees every account. He is offering to pay 5 per cent on time deposits and gets 8 per cent on money loaned.

Lowndes Randol, station agent at Morehouse, was on the sick list. It was hinted that Morehouse pump water didn't agree with him.

E. J. Malone and J. H. Vanausdale attended court at Charleston.

Mrs. C. Loebe of Charleston was a guest of her daughter, Mrs. Arnold Klein.

The following pupils of the school have by their faithfulness won the honor of wearing the medal during this school: Minnie Huckaby, Mabel Matthews, Zetta Davis, two times; L. Cooks, Jennie Edmondson, two times; Lyman Bowman.

Congress appropriated \$200,000 for the relief and maintenance of the victims of the overflowed districts in the Mississippi Valley.

RED CROSS CHECKS WORK
IN MISSISSIPPI COUNTY

East Prairie, December 10.—Officials of the American Red Cross met here in conference with H. S. Roberts, chairman of the Mississippi County chapter. Those present were Mrs. Claude B. McCartney, district representative; Mrs. Mabel Gynne, who is taking a census of those who lost their furniture during the flood; W. R. Hollick, county judge, and E. C. Davis, manager of the reconstruction work in the county.

In the afternoon Mrs. McCartney and Mrs. Gynne also met with county volunteer workers of which Mrs. J. A. Bird of Charleston is chairman and Mrs. U. A. Swingle, volunteer member of the setup chapter for the southern part of the county and comprises two-thirds of the county.

Eighteen cases of clothing arrived this week from headquarters in St. Louis and will be distributed as soon as Mrs. Gynne completes her survey. Mrs. Jeff Clack was appointed secretary to Mrs. Bird at Charleston and Mrs. David Bright, secretary for Mrs. Swingle at East Prairie. Complete records will be kept off articles given out and turned in weekly. The national chapter will furnish the furniture and clothing, the local chapter the food where necessary.

At Christmas and holiday times candlewax sometimes drops on clothing and makes a stain. Such stains usually consist of paraffin colored with pigment or dye. Remove the paraffin as completely as possible by scraping it away with a dull knife, or using a piece of blotting paper and a warm iron. If a grease stain remains, use a solvent, such as carbon tetrachloride, chloroform, ether, gasoline, naphtha or benzol, which may at the same time help dissolve any dye on the fiber. Sponging with

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Arrest All Drivers of Automobiles and Trucks Who Are Not Complying With the State Laws by Having Two License Plates

Also All Drivers Who Have No Chauffeur's License. If You Have Lost a Plate You Can Secure Application Blanks at City Hall

If you are a violator and are arrested a fine and cost will be assessed.

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Constable Richland Township

wood alcohol may be tried if any dye remains.

From New Jersey to Venezuela flew a toy balloon recently, and a South American chicken fancier picked it up, according to Popular Science Monthly. It had been released by A. O. H. Perry, of Hasbrouck Heights, N. J., who had attached a card bearing his name and address. He received word from the Venezuelan that the balloon had successfully crossed the sea to land in his back yard, scaring his poultry out of a year's growth. Thus a new transoceanic flight was written into the annals of recent aviation achievement.

Monett—Rialto Theatre purchases new Art Craft electric sign to place on front of theatre.

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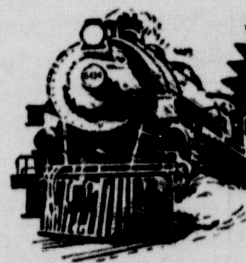
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DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE

Washington, D. C., December 4.—In a statement which he gave to the press of the country recently, Secretary of the Treasury Mellon admitted that business conditions are what might be termed "spotty", that while some lines of business are rather "weak", some others "were going full tilt". Not long ago, President Coolidge, in discussing business conditions, was quoted by White House correspondents as admitting that there had been some depression and uncertainty, but the danger was past and, in effect, that prosperity was again widespread.

Secretary Mellon's admission that prosperity is "spotty" and the Presidential confession that there had been a period of depression are at variance with the lavish claims of universal prosperity which have been emanating from administration quarters for so long. Others have been contending for a long time that the prosperity was just what Secretary Mellon now admits it is, "spotty", that is that certain tariff-favored special interests, like the steel trust, Mr. Mellon's aluminum trusts and the DuPont interests were coining large dividends, but that farmers, workers and the smaller class of merchants and manufacturers were not realizing large profits, and that many of them were actually going into bankruptcy.

At the recent convention of the National Manufacturers' Association, held in Chattanooga, Tenn., there was skepticism over the administration claims of large turnovers and big profits, even among the manufacturing class. The term "profitless prosperity" was coined at that convention, suggesting that while the wheels of industry were turning, most of the producers are not making substantial profits. Most of the blame is placed on the high cost of production, and the chief factor in that is the enormous tariff duties imposed by the Fordney-McCumber Act.

There are other signs of a lack of confidence of a golden prosperous era ahead under the high tariff and some of the other policies of the Coolidge administration, which showers favors on a few special interests while others are engaged in a sink or swim struggle.

For example, there has been a heavy slump in building activities. Building permits in the principal cities of the country during October amounted to \$185,492,500 as compared with \$283,244,300 during October, 1926, a decrease of nearly \$100,000,000. But it is in the record of in-

solvenices among the traders and small manufacturers that basis is found for Secretary Mellon's admission that prosperity is "spotty" and extremely so.

For the first ten months of 1927, as shown by reports to R. G. Don & Co., there were a total of 19,120 defaults as compared with a total of 17,874 during the first ten months of 1926 and 17,664 during the first ten months of 1925. The number during the first ten months of this year is the greatest during any like period in the country's history, likewise the liabilities involved in these bankruptcies. The liabilities involved in the failures during the first ten months of 1927 reached the enormous total of \$432,895,442, an increase of more than \$100,000,000 over those for the corresponding period of 1926, when they aggregated \$330,928,707.

The report shows that a major part of the increase in insolvencies this year has been among manufacturers. They were of the smaller class, vindicating the claim often made that the high tariff policy of the Coolidge administration is a boon to the trusts and monopolistic manufacturers, but is proving so ruinous to the smaller plants that they have coined the phrase "profitless prosperity". It is only such monopolies as the steel and aluminum trusts that thrive under prohibitive tariffs.

Further indication that the administration leaders are not confident the next year or so are going to be a golden period may be found in the opposition of President Coolidge and Secretary Mellon to a tax reduction claims of large turnovers and big profits, even among the manufacturing class. The term "profitless prosperity" was coined at that convention, suggesting that while the wheels of industry were turning, most of the producers are not making substantial profits. Most of the blame is placed on the high cost of production, and the chief factor in that is the enormous tariff duties imposed by the Fordney-McCumber Act.

MAKING BAITS FOR THE TRAPPERS THAT GETS 'EM

It is an old story, to catch a bird, put salt on his tail. There is a firm in Kansas City that makes bait for catching wild fur bearing animals. This bait is shipped all over the world and has become famous.

The trapper of today is not the leather shirted rifleman so dear to the readers of dime novels. He is the farmer boy, whose age usually ranges from 12 to 22 years. The streams, the forests and the fields near his home are his hunting grounds.

To catch a wild animal the right sort of bait must be used. The baits made by this firm comprise nineteen varieties. There are pastes and liquids that attract animals by scent. The most costly is a bait for catching wolves made from the musk of the Siberian deer. It costs the manufacturer \$25 an ounce and comes high.

Cotton—Work on Cotton and Bunceton road progressing.

The Chillicothe Business College formally opened its new Gymnasium-Auditorium, one of the best recreational buildings in the state, with a big school party for the students on Tuesday evening followed Thursday evening by a big reception and housewarming for the townspeople, many of whom contributed financially to the building. Permanent built-in bleachers and a messanine floor provide a seating capacity of 1800, but when used as an auditorium, 1200 removable seats are provided for the gym floor thus increasing the seating capacity to 3000. One-third of the \$60,000, the cost of the building, was financed by the business interests of Chillicothe in an intensive campaign sponsored by the local Chamber of Commerce early last spring.

CAIRO UNABLE TO PAY FLOOD CONTROL SHARE

Washington, December 9.—The city of Cairo, Ill., cannot pay the 20 per cent share for flood control as proposed in a report of Army engineers, Mayor August Bode of that city, told the House Flood Control Committee today.

We have paid huge sums for years, and we cannot raise any more money, he declared, adding that he also believed the other flooded sections could not pay their shares. The cost of lands where flood protection works are erected will mean an additional \$100,000,000, he asserted. Bode said said engineering plans were adequate.

Commissioner Alexander Wilson of Cairo, also a member of the Illinois Legislature, said that his section wants "speedy relief". He claimed the Army engineers' program would continue the policy of the Mississippi River Commission which would not complete the works unless the money was first raised by local committees. He said his section could not wait and urged Congress to appropriate money as soon as possible.

An ideal fabric for windows, and one that is not expensive, is the artificial gauze, which is particularly effective when two different colors are put together.

MISS LENA MATTHEWS HONORED AT COLLEGE

Miss Lena Matthews, of Skeston, has just been selected by Miss Laura Thompson, head of the athletic department of William Woods, as one of the players on her all-star hockey team, the season for which has just closed at William Woods. Places on this squad are assigned to students who have been outstanding in the work for the period this outgame is engaged in and Miss Matthews was easily one of the stars. As a result of this recognition she will be credited with 150 points toward a State letter in athletics. She was placed at a fullback position, where she played on several teams during the season.

Suits of velveteen are shown by every important designer. They are featured in models with three-quarter length as well as short coats, and are especially successful when a knitted jumper is included to form a complete ensemble.

Not all the interest is centered upon slippers these wintry nights, for the stockings that accompany them are worthy of note. Some are exquisitely sheer, with the heels in the shape of fluer-de-lis outlined with a line of silver or gold.

185 BUSHELS OF CORN GROWN ON LESS THAN TWO ACRES

Grove Spring, December 9.—Oscar L. Bramhall, Wright County farmer, who resides near here, has completed the harvesting of 185 bushels of corn one and three-quarters acres. This is said to be a record for Wright County production.

A crop ration, including timothy, wheat, oats and clover, during which commercial fertilizer was applied, was followed, and the land, which is in a creek bottom, then was allowed to rest as a meadow for three years. The crop rotation and meadow period together occupied 11 years.

The seed corn was Boone County White, and was selected from corn chosen for type and quality yield during the past six years.

The corn, planted last April 20, was harrowed twice and cultivated three times.

Covering 53 square miles of York-shire, England, an estate has just changed hands. It includes three manors, 17 hamlets and two collieries.

Paraffining American cheese will prevent mold growth, but the paraffin must be applied very hot—about 240 degrees F—and not until the cheese is at least two weeks old and has formed a firm, dry rind.

COUNTY COURT GRANTS FRANCHISE FOR BRIDGE

The county court acted favorably on a resolution which grants the right to E. M. Elliott and associates the right to use 100 feet for right-of-way for the construction of a bridge from Hickman, Ky., to the Missouri shore, running southwestwardly; and for wharves and buildings and other improvements. The bridge to be not less than 18 feet in width and to have draw spans for passage of boats. The grant provides for the right-of-way along and over the waters and submerged lands to be used for the bridge and approaches, fills, trestles and drawbridges, subject to the approval of the War Department.

No private property is granted without due process of law and compensation and authorizes the use for electric or steam railways.

The highway department or the counties of Fulton, Ky., or Mississippi county, Missouri, or either have the right of purchase at any five year period or after 20 years.

The resolution stipulates further that E. M. Elliott and associates, or their successors or assigns shall accept within 30 days and file such acceptance with the court and upon failure to do so file the resolution becomes void. It further provides that construction shall be begun within 12 months or completed in two years or it becomes void.

The resolution provides that it shall be a toll bridge. Charges to be \$1.00 for auto and driver and 10 cents for each additional person and not over \$1.50 for bus and driver, and 10 cents for each additional person. Pedestrians will be charged 10 cents; not over \$1.25 for one-half ton trucks and 25 cents for each additional capacity. —Charleston Times.

TORNADO RATES MAY BE ADVANCED IN MISSOURI

There is very apt to be a material increase in the tornado insurance rates in Missouri. Insurance rates like all prices for commodities and service are fixed so as to provide a profit. The state has suffered heavily during the past year and 1927 has not been profitable. This year the greatest loss was at St. Louis, with Poplar Bluff second, and many other communities hit hard. St. Louis is the only large city in the United States to suffer two destructive cyclones within a period of 31 years, and the average loss rate here as compared with other states has been exceedingly heavy within the past five years. —West Plains Gazette.

BLACKENS FACE TO HOLD UP CAIRO HOTEL

Cairo, Ill., December 9.—A lone robber about 4 o'clock this morning entered the Halliday Hotel here, one of the largest hosteleries in Southern Illinois, covered A. H. Jackson, the clerk, with a revolver, forced him to put up his hands and face the wall, then took \$224 from the cash drawer in the office and escaped.

No one was in the lobby of the hotel at the time. The robber overlooked several hundred dollars in another drawer in the office.

The robber was a white man with a blackened face. He wore no mask.

The cost of producing a crop is much more within the farmer's control than is the price he receives for the crop.

What becomes of your dismantled Christmas tree after the holidays? Don't try to burn it in the fireplace, even if partially cut up. The dry, brittle evergreen will start a roaring fire and possibly set fire to the chimney, endangering the house. Have the tree dragged away to a safe place for a bonfire, and use it as a nucleus to get rid of any other rubbish that can be burned up. The same precautions apply to any sort of Christmas greens.

THE SILK HOSE GIRL SHOULD EARN \$1800

Sikeston girls, all of whom wear stockings that cost \$1 to \$5 a pair, are trembling at thought of what they would be displaying if only those who earn \$1800 a year were permitted such luxuries.

It has been determined scientifically at the University of Chicago that a young woman ought to earn \$1800 or more if she wants to wear chiffon hose and go to the theatre.

A budget, prepared and illustrated from advertising columns of daily newspapers by Miss Katherine Blunt of the home, economics department, shows exactly what could be done on \$1800 annually. It assumes that such a girl could find a girl to share a \$75 apartment without kitchenette, making her share of the rent \$37.50.

The budget then allows \$3 a week for board, 35 cents a day for lunch, \$14 a month for carfare, \$1.80 for telephone, \$50 a year for doctor, dentist; \$583 for clothing, \$21.19 for cosmetics, \$3.95 for jewelry, \$30 for vacation, \$250 for savings and \$1.75 week for recreation.

The clothing budget allows for ten dresses, the most expensive costing \$20, and three coats, including a slicker, totaling \$162.

It would seem from the conference, however, that the saying "two can live as cheaply as one", has some truth in it, for the budget shows how the wife of a \$3600 a year man may feed her husband for 51 cents a day. The 51-cent menu was divided this way:

Breakfast—Banana in cream; oatmeal (bought in bulk for economy); bacon (bought cut from slab instead of packed in a box); toast and coffee; cost, 16 cents.

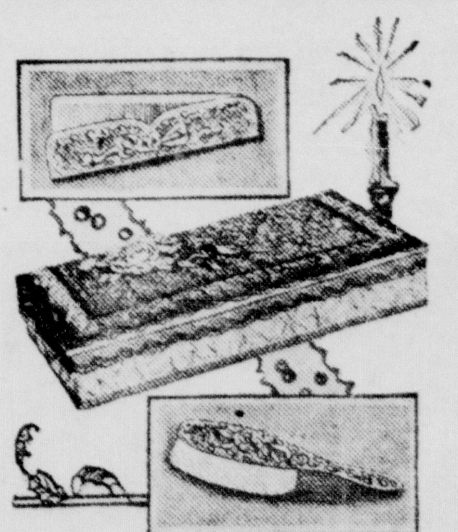
Luncheon—Tomato soup (made with milk; beans baked in bacon fat); a baked apple; cost, 13 cents.

Dinner would include round steak, potatoes, creamed carrots, cabbage salad with French dressing, rice pudding, bread and coffee, costing 22c.

A less thrifty wife could prepare a day's menu containing the same number of calories for \$1.26. Such a wife would serve a breakfast of orange, box cereal, sweet rolls, bacon (from a box) and coffee (34 cents); luncheon consisting of tomato soup (made with butter and cream), egg salad, a baked apple with cream and sugar, and white bread (32 cents), and a dinner of lamb chops, potatoes, brussels sprouts, baking powder biscuits, lettuce salad and a cream dessert containing pineapple, gelatine and cream (60 cents).

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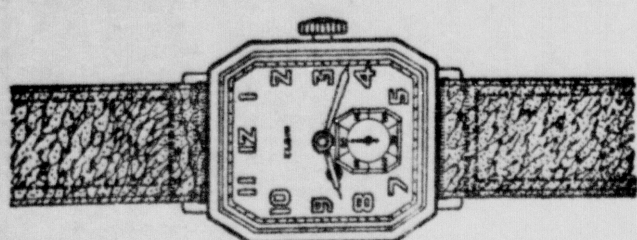
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A Hand-Blocked Scarf



Oh dear, there's Dorothy and Betty Jane, Phyllis and Sister May and mother and Aunt Mary and Cousin Eloise still on the Christmas list! It's an S. O. S. call sent out for gift suggestions. A hand-painted or hand-blocked scarf for each? The very thing! It's heaps of fun painting them one's self, but if one hasn't the leisure, the specialty shops and neckwear departments are featuring hand-painted articles, at prices very reasonable. Squares and triangle shapes which yield to such nonchalant knotting about shoulders and throat compete with the oblong scarf.



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Well, another of the five bolting Democrats, has received his reward at the hands of Governor Baker, for his treachery, this "takes care" of all five of them. Senator Brownlee, one of the five senators who bolted the Democrat caucus report on the Enloe matter, has had his brother appointed on the highway commission, in place of Hugh Stephens of Jefferson City. It is reported that in making the appointment the governor held his nose and used a large bottle of No. 6 Disinfectant in his office after signing the commission.—Illmo Jim-plicite.

The Dry League is warning all political parties that candidates must be to their liking in respect to being dry, or the League will be against them. Then the other fellow will win.

One of the best things Old Santa can do for us is to see that those receiving statements for their subscriptions send the remittance promptly. The editor's box would probably not hold all of the gifts, but there are some larger boxes in the family.

It looks as though the Anti-Saloon League propose to do some corrupting themselves, and perhaps some grafting, from the fact they propose to raise a fund of \$10,000,000. Well, we are not above suspicion and will await any reasonable offer.

Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Minner of Blodgett were in a few days ago and set up their subscription to The Standard. They will probably go to California to locate. We appreciated very much their compliments paid the paper, and specially the editorial columns.

There is a disgusted farmer over in Livingston county the news dispatches are telling of, who has this sign posted near the entrance to his place: "Positively no more baptizing in my pasture. Within the last two months my gate has been left open twice by Christian people. I can't afford to chase cattle all over the country just to save a few sinners".

The merchants who advertise are the ones who are trying to build up the city and the community. The Standard urges its readers to patronize the merchant who is putting his name before you and who is trying to bring trade to the city.

AL SMITH AND THE OATH

Al Smith takes an oath to support the constitution every time he is sworn in as governor of New York. He takes that oath seriously, too, as he would if it were administered to him as president-elect. This, however, does not bar Al Smith from advocating the repeal of any part of the constitution with which he disagrees. Just because that document says thus and so does not mean that it is a crime for a citizen to take a contrary view. As American citizens we owe nearly every privilege and immunity we enjoy to men who at some time or other took issue with the constitution or the laws under which they lived. Except for their right to protest we might still be imprisoning people for debt or be licensing men to sell intoxicating liquors in public saloons or be sanctioning the institution of slavery. Al Smith, James A. Reed or any other citizen who disbelieves in the 18th amendment has just as much right, or should have, to advocate its modification or repeal as those who object to the suffrage and income tax amendments have to agitate for a change. While convinced that prohibition is just as strongly embedded in the constitution as is the provision against slavery, and that it is just as vital to our welfare as a nation, the Appeal can see no reason why any public man should be proscribed for seeing the matter in a different light or for exercising his constitutional rights in an effort to effect changes in a constitutional way. If two-thirds of the states adopt their viewpoint and vote for modification or repeal then their viewpoint ought to prevail. The very fact that so many changes have been made since the original constitution was adopted should be evidence to everybody that it is not now and never has been a thing too sacred for opposition.—Paris Appeal.

The many pretty window and store decorations about town makes it look real Christmassy!

Just a day or so ago we heard a person express their disbelief in either heaven or hell and make the statement that they thought there was no hereafter. To us it seems that life would be more of a tragedy than anything else if there was neither reward nor punishment awaiting us when we die. The question would arise as to what purpose was served by a life time on earth, and what is the use of leading a good life? Without some reward to look forward to, hopelessness would pervade the world. No race of people, no matter how primitive, has ever been found that did not look forward to a hereafter. We are glad that when things get to the worst, we can hope for heaven.—Shelbina Democrat.

Except as a last resort, no money should be sent out of Sikeston for Christmas things as the merchants seem to be well supplied and they are the ones who stay by all the panhandling schemes that are put over.

During the foreclosure sales of farm lands in Pemiscot County last week for delinquent taxes, the county court bought in several parcels which would not sell for enough to pay taxes and costs. These pieces will be disposed of privately by the court in order to make it possible for the county to realize the amount of taxes and costs due it. About 50 parcels were auctioned, insurance and loan companies bidding in those on which they had loans.

Once a man named Bill bought a new necktie, and when he got home and went to try it on he found a girl's name and address pinned to the lining, along with the romantic words: "Please write me and send your photo". Bill, trembling with emotion, complied with the girl's request, and in a few days he got her answer. Trembling harder than ever, he tore open the envelope and read: "Thanks for photo. I was just curious to see what kind of a looking guy would wear such a funny tie".

The past week The Standard gave its readers 22 pages of paper which is a high limit for a country paper. This was made necessary by advertisers who used our columns to tell of their holiday wares.

Fragile and delicate is a lamp made of glass flowers, with an electric light bulb concealed within the heart of a rose.

THIS WEEK IN MO. HISTORY

By Floyd C. Shoemaker

David Barton, Missouri's able jurist, statesman, constitution-maker and United States Senator, was born one hundred and sixty-four years ago this week—December 14, 1783.

Although Barton is sometimes called "the forgotten statesman", no man has a more valid claim to Missouri's recognition and remembrance than he, for he was one of the ablest as well as one of the earliest of her public servants. A soldier of the War of 1812; attorney-general of Missouri Territory in 1813; judge of the St. Louis circuit court; speaker of the territorial legislature in 1818; president of the first constitutional convention which framed the fundamental law of the State in 1820—these are among the important positions of trust and honor which he held during his life of forty-four years. "He was the recognized principal author of the first Constitution of the State", says Judge Thomas Shackelford in his sketch of Barton. "And how well he impressed his judicial mind upon the judiciary of the State is evidence by the fact that the Barton Constitution is made the real foundation for all subsequent constitutions".

When Missouri became a state in 1820, David Barton was elected one of her first two United States senators almost by acclamation—a triumph in marked contrast to the bitter struggle in the same Assembly over the election of his senatorial colleague, Thomas H. Benton. Barton served the State ably in the Senate for ten years. His opposition to the policies of the Jackson administration, however, eventually brought about his defeat in Democratic Missouri, and in 1830 he retired from the United States Senate. In 1834 he served in the State Senate as the member from the St. Louis district.

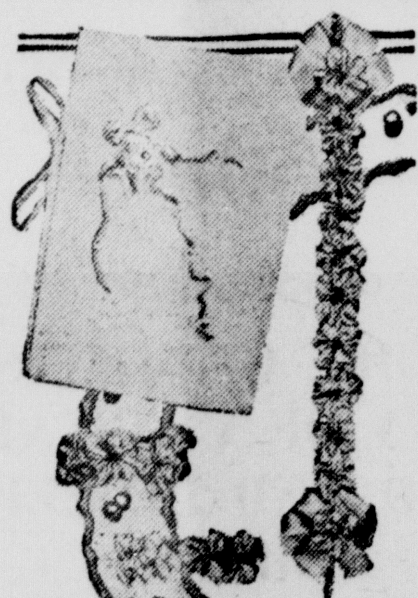
Barton was a native of Tennessee, having been born in Green county (then a part of North Carolina) in 1783. He was educated at Greenville College, and later studied law with Judge Anderson of Tennessee. With his two brothers, Joshua and Isaac, he came to Missouri (then known as Louisiana Territory) in 1809. He first settled in St. Charles where he practiced law and for a time also taught school. At the close of his year of soldiering in the War of 1812, he moved to St. Louis where his brothers, also lawyers, were practicing their profession. From 1813, when he was appointed attorney-general, until his death cut short his term as circuit judge at Booneville in 1837, Barton's life was spent in honorable public service. The inscription on the shaft which marks his grave perhaps sums up adequately as possible the life of a man—"A profound jurist, an honest and able statesman, a just and benevolent man".

COUNTY COURT NEWS

John S. Cobb of Sikeston is adjudged insane and ordered sent to Farmington. Warrant for \$108 to hospital.

Harris Bissell is awarded contract for building bridge across Ramsey Creek on Kelso-Commerce road.

Gifts for Baby Dear



When it comes to "the dear little dimpled darling 'who' has ne'er seen Christmas yet", Santa Claus is simply lavish in his giving. "Something different" from the regulation silk or kidskin bound baby book are those which specialty shops are featuring of white pique with an applique of wee satin roses. The ribbon carriage strap and coverlid clamps, which complete this baby set, are made of satin flowers.

R. L. Harrison is employe dto check and verify descriptions of land on real estate books, as it appears calls are erroneous and there are duplications, at salary of \$10 per day, he to pay his own expenses.

Assessment of part lot 10 Hunter addition Sikeston, reduced from \$1940 to \$780.

Assessment of block 1 Chamber of Commerce addition, Sikeston, ordered changed from \$4760 to \$47,620.

Dr. F. L. Ogilvie of Blodgett is given permit to prescribe ethyl alcohol and wine.

E. B. Comstock, work in drainage district 15, \$140.

W. H. Watson of Blodgett is loaned \$1200 from school fund.

J. W. Heeb, attendance and mileage November term, \$21.90; Geo. Buchanan, same, \$20.80; A. Legrand, same, \$20.

Ed Guethle, pauper allowance, \$15. S. A. Speck, pauper allowance, \$10.

Assessment of Leo Schott on lot 18 Bice 2nd addition, Oran, ordered reduced from \$800 to \$600.

Assessment of G. C. Ventres on lots 1, 2, 15 and 16 block 18, Oran, reduced from \$1720 to \$1320.

J. C. Summer of Sikeston, pauper allowance, \$10.

Gib Cash of Fornelt, pauper allowance, \$15.

Court directs clerk to write to J. F. Crader of Cape Girardeau and ask for his resignation as justice of peace of Sylvania township.

Salaries for November: T. F. Henry, \$208.33; A. J. Renner, \$270.83; Silas Butler, \$100; Wm. Morie, \$100; M. E. Montgomery, \$208.33; George J. Arnold, \$166.67; J. H. Goodin \$175, expense \$52.42.

County revenue allowances: Dr. U. P. Haw, traveling expense, \$50; Tillie Witt, traveling expenses, \$50; Thad Stubbs, traveling expenses, \$50; Dr. Haw, expense, \$20.30; G. J. Arnold, expense, \$94.66; G. J. Arnold, commissions, \$28.63; Neva Carlson, stenographic work in Hargett case, \$18.—Benton Democrat.

CIRCUIT COURT NEWS

Grover Dill and Jack C. White, 20 year old youths, plead guilty to stealing a car at Sikeston and were sentenced to two years in the penitentiary by Judge Frank Kelly in the Scott County Circuit Court. Sheriff Dye went to New Jersey last week and brought the young men back for appearance in court.

Susie Elkins Ruble brought suit against Tom Elkins of Illmo for custody of the 12-year-old daughter, Edna, and was given judgment by the court.

Chester Painter of Fornelt was brought in for violation of his parole and was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary. He has been in court quite a number of times.

Wm. C. Hackleman, Admr. of Estate of J. C. Hackleman, deceased, vs. Westchester Fire Insurance Co. of New York, a corp., insurance policy. Submitted to court, judgment for plaintiff for \$800.

R. W. Maag vs. Everett Ballard, Defd. Drake Furniture Company, interpleader, court finds interpleader is entitled to property claimed.

R. W. Maag vs. Everett Ballard, Louis Keesee, interpleader, court finds interpleader is entitled to property claimed.

H. D. Rodgers vs. Clyde Sadler and Lula Sadler, notes, dismissed as to Clyde Sadler, judgment by default, \$1249.69.

H. D. Rodgers vs. Harry Hicks and Effie Hicks, notes, judgment by default, \$942.25.

Bank of Illmo, a corp., vs. Fred Kreamer and C. H. Morrill, note, judgment by default, \$68.25.

L. B. Kornegger vs. Frank Dye, damages, trial by jury, verdict for plaintiff for \$625.

CASES CONTINUED

State vs. John Davenport, disturbing the peace.

State vs. Frank Marting, keeping gaming device.

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State vs. F. A. Ward and Lige Cable, possession of liquor.

State vs. Ligt Cable and F. A. Ward, resisting an officer.

Harry Hamby vs. Oscar Fuller, note.

CASES DISMISSED

A. F. Crider vs. Geo. A. Stone and W. A. Wylie, note.

Peoples Bank of Sikeston vs. Geo. A. Stone and W. A. Wylie, note.

DECREE GRANTED

Bertie Atkins vs. Jodie Atkins, divorce.

Stella B. Lynn vs. T. Ulise Lynn, divorce.—Benton Democrat.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Denis Hahn to Sim Tippy, lot 1 blk.

3 Fornelt-Schuette Fornelt, \$500.

Arnold Keller and Alberta Maurer to Josephine Hopper, lots 13, 14 blk.

4, Chaffee, \$1.

Josephine Hopper to Lena Harenberg, lots 13, 14 block 4 Chaffee, \$1.

W. C. Porter to Scott County Building & Loan Association, north half lot 10 Commerce, \$500.

W. W. Hinchey to F. C. Belen lot 3 block 8 Chamber of Commerce addition Sikeston, \$300.

S. D. Warford to Addie Sauer, lot 1 block 6 Illmo, \$1.

J. B. Shobe to Church of Christ, lots 1 and 2 Edmondson addition Sikeston, \$2000.

B. E. Spillman to John Sheehy, lots 5, 6 block 25 Chaffee, \$800.

Jim Young to Scott County Building & Loan Association, part lot 93 Commerce, \$530.

Ida and Tony Halter to Andy Die-

bold, 1-7 interest lots 1, 2 block D An-cell, \$214.28.—Benton Democrat.

Paris, Mo., claims the distinction of being the only town in the United States which municipally controls the fair ground, the cemetery, the water-works, the electric light plant and the ice plant.



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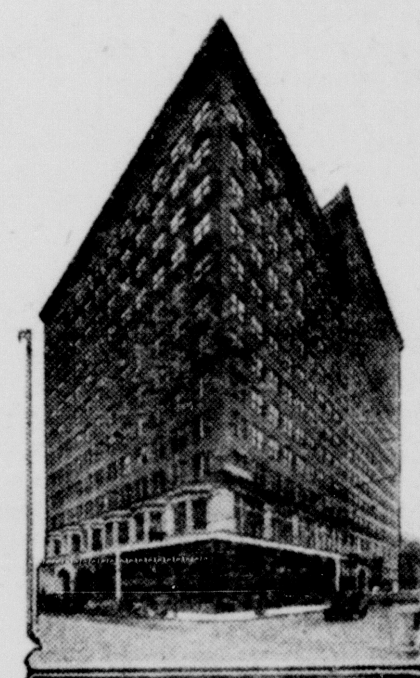
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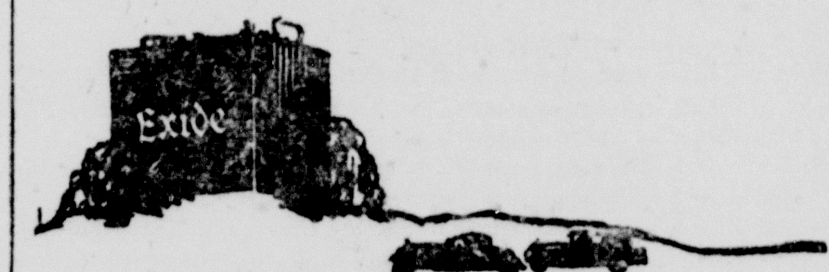
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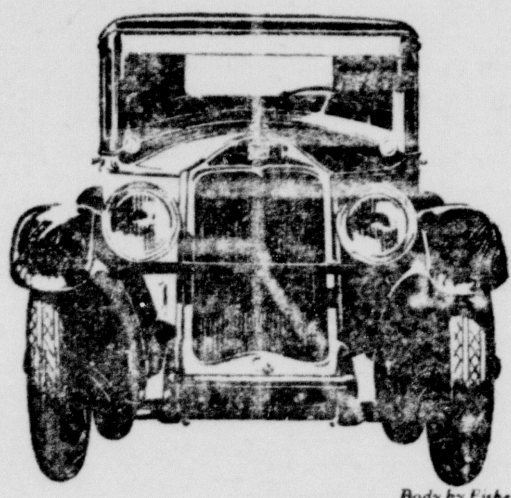
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Electricity Fades as Crop Stimulator

Bumper Yields Through Its Use Not Possible.

Growing bumper crops with the aid of electricity, a thing predicted frequently in recent years, has yet to be proved possible.

L. H. Flint of the federal bureau of plant industry is authority for this view. He advances it after four years of intensive experimentation.

Tests by the British ministry of agriculture and fisheries a few years ago led certain writers to predict freely that before long plant development could be so effectively stimulated by electricity, that bumper crops could be electrically grown.

But the United States Department of Agriculture can find no basis for such enthusiasm, according to Mr. Flint. Though not abandoning experiments to prove or disprove the theory, federal scientists to date know of no practical method of electrical stimulation for plant growth.

Recent tests by the United States Department of Agriculture were carried on with corn, planted in boxes on a revolving table. Above one set of boxes is a network of wires, from which a measured current of electricity passes to the plants below. A set of boxes containing corn, insulated from the other set, and not treated with the electrical current, is also on the revolving table as a check in yield

against the electrically treated plants. Soil-conducted currents, it was thought at one time, might influence plant growth. Unpromising experimental results persuaded the scientists to discontinue this method.

Potatoes Are Improved if Dried After Digging

The time between frost and heavy freezing is oftentimes too short to permit potatoes to ripen before digging. Late planting prolongs the growing season into late fall and the crop is barely made before heavy freezing. The result is immature tubers with poor keeping qualities. The yield may be satisfactory, but the keeping and eating qualities are poor. If weather conditions and time permit, the potatoes should be left on the ground for three or four hours after being dug. This will dry off the tubers and harden the skin, thereby insuring better keeping qualities. When the picking is done immediately after the tubers are dug, too much moisture is carried to the cellar. Unless storage conditions are very good, soft rot and decay are very apt to cause heavy damages.

Digging, storage and many other problems of the potato grower are discussed at length in a bulletin distributed by the Colorado Experiment station at Fort Collins.

Find Frosted Corn Good for Silage if Watered

Good silage can be made from frosted corn; and there is likely to be a lot of corn caught by frost in New York state this fall, because wise farmers are giving the crop every chance to grow after its late start and poor progress through a cool growing season.

The New York state college of agriculture at Cornell university, in making these statements, adds that such silage is not as good as that which has not been subjected to freezing, but that all of the crop will be needed. Frosted corn is likely to be withered and dried. If the frosted corn can be put in the silo immediately after a frost there is little need of adding water. But if it has a chance to dry out, water should be added to make it pack tight and thus to insure fermentation rather than molding.

All the leaves should be saved. In feeding value, the ears come first, leaves second and stalks last.

"Citrangequat" Is Name of a New Hardy Fruit

When horticulturists develop new fruits or grains by breeding or cross of familiar plants they have to name the products. "Citrangequat" is an example of a name evolved by breeders for the Department of Agriculture. It comes from a combination of "kumquat" with "citrange." Kumquat is an Americanized spelling of the name for the Chinese fruit. Citrange is itself a fairly recent coinage that tells its own story of a fruit that resembles an orange in appearance but with the sourness of a lemon. Incidentally the citrange is the result of a cross between the ordinary sweet orange and a Japanese trifoliate orange of no commercial value and does not resemble either parent. Both these new fruits are hardy substitutes for the lime and lemon, capable of growing in regions too cold for ordinary citrus plants, and in addition are proving of value as budding stocks for the Satsuma orange.

Selecting Seed Corn

Autumn is the time to prepare for a profitable corn crop in the following season. Unless the community has its experienced and honest corn breeders, the best place for the farmer to obtain seed corn is from the fields on his farm or in his neighborhood which has proved successful in the locality. Bulletins telling how to field select seed corn can be obtained from the extension service, Colorado Agricultural college, Fort Collins.

BADLY RUN-DOWN

Kentucky Woman Had "Terrible Time" Doing Her Home Work. Strength Returned After She Took Cardui.

Shelbyville, Ky.—"Several years ago," says Mrs. Alven Jesse, of this place, "my health was very bad. I was very much run-down. I was in such a weak, nervous condition that I was not able to do my housework."

"I struggled to keep up, because I had to, but many a time I spent hours in bed, trying to force enough strength to go through the daily routine."

"This condition went on for some time, until I heard about Cardui, which some one told me was good for such ailments. I gave it an immediate trial, and, I am thankful to say, my improvement was rapid. I soon was able to do my housework with ease and comfort. I felt fine and I looked so much better."

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The Yellow Target A Christmas Story by Robert Stead

ANDRE SANDERSEN stroked the lean barrel of his rifle as he sat in the window of the little shanty on his prairie homestead. The full moon of a Christmas Eve poured its white light on limitless wastes of snow. A shaft of that same light fell through the window, gleamed along the rifle on Andre's knees, played about the great hands that fondled its barrel.

But Andre was not conscious of the moonlight, except as it served to accentuate his loneliness. Across the prairie, half a mile to the southward, lay the shanty of his brother, Axel, and his brother's wife, Olga. A point of yellow light shone from Axel's window like a star on the horizon. Half a mile! Andre's rifle would carry two thousand yards, but it would need a rare marksman to hit that point of light half a mile away. He sighted the rifle carefully, estimating to himself whether there was any possibility of finding that little target. Then, as though convinced of the futility of such a purpose, he returned the weapon tenderly to his knee.

For exactly three years the Sanderse brothers had lived as strangers, although their homesteads adjoined each other. It was three years ago this very Christmas Eve that Axel



had brought Olga, his bride, to share his shanty and his life—Olga, who, in far-off Scandinavia, had pledged herself to Andre! Axel had met her at the railway station, thirty miles away, while Andre lay at home, burning with fever. Then, when she came, it was as Axel's wife!

Andre never had asked, and never learned, what had happened at the little prairie town when the fair-haired, lonely, tired girl rushed to the arms of Axel, his brother. The three had been playmates together, but Andre never had guessed that his brother loved her, too. If, in that moment, Axel had taken advantage of her loneliness and her delight at meeting an old friend to force his suit to instant decision, Andre saw in their action nothing but treachery and deceit. Never since had he stepped on his brother's farm, and he had given Axel to understand that if either he or Olga crossed the dividing line the rifle would bark and bite to kill.

During the short but busy summers Andre managed to drown his anger in work, but in winter the pangs of loneliness were upon him. They always were worse on moonlit nights. Then he would sit in his window, fondling his rifle. Especially on Christmas Eve, the anniversary of the blighting of his life, his loneliness and rage were unbearable.

Andre sighted his rifle again, but it was against all reason that he could find a target so small, so far. Very well—he could go to the target. It was a plan that long had simmered in the back of his mind; tonight he would put it into effect. He drew on his heavy coat, his cap; he drove a bright brass cartridge into the barrel



and saw that there were others in the magazine, and set out across the snow, silent save for the crunching of his heavy boots and the strange clamor of his heart.

At first he walked hurriedly, but as he neared the window he reduced his pace. Silently he crept up, in the shadow, along the wall. Three years ago this very night.

Presently he was at the window. Stealthily he raised his head until he could see within.

In a corner of the little room was a small spruce tree, which Axel, no doubt, had cut somewhere by the river. And Axel and Olga, very happy, it seemed, were knotting it with bits of colored paper. On a table, full in Andre's sight, a yellow-haired baby clapped her hands with glee.

Andre watched the scene, spell-bound, for a moment; then slumped to the ground. For a long while he lay there, oblivious to the cold; fighting, wrestling. Then, leaving his rifle on the snow, he made his way to the door, and knocked.

"Why, Andre!" they exclaimed, as he stood on their threshold.

"Peace!" said Andre. "It is the Night of Peace. I bring you peace—and forgiveness."

The Christmas sun was shining when Andre retraced his steps across the snow, to feed his stock.

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On Christmas Eve

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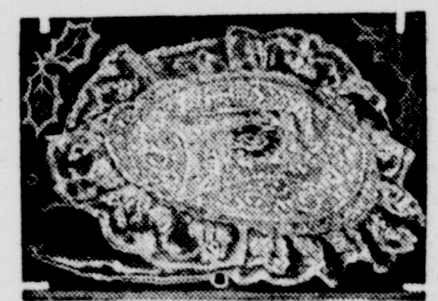
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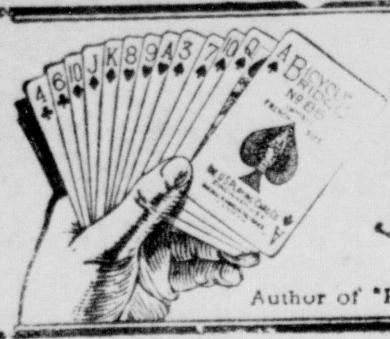
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It frequently happens that a player has both good help for his partner's bid and also a strong suit of his own. The question then confronts him: "Shall I help my partner's bid or show my own suit?" The answer to that question is really very simple: If your partner bids a major suit and you have good help for the bid, you should show support for his suit first, before you bid your own, even if such suit is also a major suit.

To bid your own suit first and then support your partner, doesn't give him a correct picture of your hand. On the other hand, if you first support his hand and then bid your own suit, you have given him accurate information. He should know that your bid of your own suit, after supporting him, is not intended as a denial but simply as a means of informing him of the character of your hand, so that the best bid of 26 cards can be obtained, rather than of thirteen. The clever bidder always tries for that result; that is, the best bid of the combined hands of himself and his partner, and any method accurately obtaining that result should be encouraged.

Example Hand

Hearts—5
Clubs—A, 8, 4, 3
Diamonds—K, Q, J, 10, 9
Spades—Q, J, 7

Z
V
A
Hearts—10, 8, 3, 2
Clubs—9
Diamonds—A, 8, 5, 2
Spades—A, K, 10, 9

No score, rubber game. Z deal, bid one spade and A bid two hearts. Should Y bid two spades, thus showing support for his partner's spade suit or should he bid three diamonds?

Problem No. 15

Hearts—J, 10
Clubs—A, 7, 6
Diamonds—8
Spades—10, 9, 7

Y
A B
Z
Hearts—K, Q, 8, 7
Clubs—Q, 10, 9, 4
Diamonds—5
Spades—none

Hearts—6
Clubs—K, 8
Diamonds—Q, J, 10, 9, 7, 6
Spades—none

Diamonds are trumps and Z is in against any defense? Solution in the lead. How can Z play the hand the next article, so that he can win all the tricks.



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"Just whistle a bit if the day is dark,
And the sky is overcast;
It must be the voice of the piping lark,
Why, pipe your own small blast."
OUT OF THE COOKY JAR

There is no sweet cake in the household more popular with young or old than cookies.

Old-Fashioned Ginger Snaps.—Bring to the boiling point one cupful of molasses, add one-half cupful of sugar, and two-thirds of a cupful of butter, one tablespoonful of ginger, one-half teaspoonful of salt and one teaspoonful of soda. Mix well and set on ice after adding flour to roll. When chilled roll out and bake in a moderate oven.

Grandma's Cookies.—Cream one cupful of sugar with three well beaten eggs. Dissolve a teaspoonful of soda in a tablespoonful of hot water, add two tablespoonfuls of cream and mix all together. Add one and one-half tablespoonfuls of ginger and flour to roll. Place on ice over night. In the morning, roll very thin, cut and bake. The secret of a good moist cookie is to make it with as little flour as possible.

Sugar Cookies.—Cream one cupful of butter with three cupfuls of sugar, add three unbeaten eggs, one cupful of milk in which a teaspoonful of soda is dissolved, one small nutmeg grated and flour to roll. Grated lemon peel or seeds of various kinds may be used with raisins or nuts for variety.

Corn Flake Macaroons.—Take one cupful each of sugar, cornflakes, ground nuts or coconut, two tablespoonfuls of flour and a few drops of vanilla. Beat two egg whites very stiff, add the sugar gradually, then the cornflakes and nuts with the flour. Drop by teaspoonfuls on baking sheets and bake in a moderate oven until brown.

Rich Cookies.—Cream one-half cupful of butter, add one-third cupful of sugar gradually, then one egg well beaten, three-fourths cupful of flour, one-half teaspoonful of vanilla, nuts, raisins and citron to taste. Drop from a spoon on buttered sheet, spread thinly with a knife dipped in cold water. Add four raisins, an almond or two cut into strips and citron cut into small pieces, over each cookie. Bake in a moderate oven.

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Popularity of Legume Crops

Accounted for by Depth to Which Roots Penetrate Soil in Building.

Popularity of sweet clover and alfalfa for use as soil builders can be accounted for by the depth to which their roots penetrate the soil, says H. A. Lunt, of the soils and crops department, college of agriculture, University of Illinois.

"Measurements made on the Hartsburg experiment field of the college showed that the maximum depth of roots of various legumes in the fall following spring planting were: Common sweet clover 34 inches, alfalfa 30 inches, Grundy county sweet clover 28 inches, red clover 22 inches, alsike 16 inches, dalea 10 inches, hubam 9 inches and Korean lespedeza 8 inches."

Two Other Requirements.
Vigorous growth and thorough inoculation with the proper bacteria are two other requirements which, along with deep root penetration, must be met by a legume that is to be used for building up the soil, Lunt pointed out. Responsibility for the last point, that of inoculation, rests upon the farmer himself, rather than upon the legume. The soils may or may not be already inoculated. If not, the farmer must supply the bacteria, if the nitrogen fixing property of the legume is to be utilized.

"A legume that makes a vigorous growth will add more easily decomposable material to the soil when it is plowed under than will a legume that makes a small growth. The object is to incorporate into the soil as much material as possible which will decompose rapidly and leave in the soil considerable humus containing plant food elements for future crops."

Building Up Soil.
"For instance, a ton of legume hay, such as clover or alfalfa, when added to the soil is far more effective in building up the nitrogen and organic matter content of the soil than is an equal amount of straw or corn stalks. This is true because: (1) the legume contains five to six times as much nitrogen as does straw, and (2) there is a smaller loss of organic matter during the decomposition of the legume than there is in the case of straw or corn stalks."

"Deep root penetration is essential in order that the potential plant food in the subsoil may be brought nearer to the surface. Furthermore, deep roots probably are a factor in opening up the tighter subsoil, their roots when decomposed making the soil more porous and building up the organic matter content of the soil."

Build Up Bee Colonies

Before Winter Weather

The poor honey flow of the past season will mean weak colonies if the bees are not properly prepared for winter weather.

Those young bees that will live through the winter and make up the colony next spring are being reared before the first killing frost, states C. L. Sams, beekeeping specialist at the North Carolina State college. The older bees will die during the cold weather and will be of little value to the colony and so anything that interferes with brood rearing during October will result in the colony being in poor condition for winter.

"The successful beekeeper, therefore, sees to it that each colony has a good, prolific queen," says Mr. Sams. "A queen that has been reared during the past season is preferable. There should also be enough worker bees to care for four or five combs of brood. Each colony needs to have at least 20 pounds of honey so that brood rearing will not be restricted for lack of stores and extra room should be added for the storage of nectar in those sections where there is a fall flow of honey. When these conditions have been met, the bees will see to it that enough young bees are reared to winter the colonies."

Agricultural Items

Good seed is good crop insurance.
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A farmer reaps what he sows. Plant smut with wheat and you will reap the same.

The character of the people determines more than anything else the progress of the community.

Farmers who aim for the bull's-eye in their farming methods are the ones who will come out with a high score.

Lime does the same thing for soil that sugar does for a cup of coffee. It sweetens or corrects the acidity of the soil.

The wise farmer is usually prepared for a corn crop failure. His silo will turn into silage either a crop killed by drought or a green crop that can't ripen before frost.

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Swearing his men to fight to death and never surrender and ordering one of them to bore a hole in the boat so it would sink quickly, thus "burning his bridges behind him," Le Grand pushed his little vessel alongside the big man-of-war just as night was falling. In a moment Le Grand's pirates had swarmed over the side, armed only with pistols and cutlasses, killed the watchman and Pierre ran down into the cabin, where he found the Spanish admiral playing cards.

"Jesus bless us!" exclaimed the astonished Spaniard. "Are these devils, or what are they?" Le Grand quickly assured him that they were not devils but desperate men who would kill as quickly and willingly as they would eat and drink, and demanded the surrender of the ship. The admiral realized the futility of resistance and surrendered.

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chevy, and a very likeable man.

They have two banks here with a deposits of more than we have in Sikeston, though the country is covered with rocks; most farms have piles of rocks on them, and one wonders what they are for, but upon investigation finds out that it is where they have prospected for lead, and no finding a paying strike, have moved on to other places.

Here is where they publish a road map, and the publishing house is the old publishing house which caused so much stir a few years ago by its rank articles about the Catholics. As I looked at it, and thought of the way of men, I wondered if this was not the final result of all such publications which did not give the 'other fellow' the right to think and worship God as he thought best and wise. I remembered the old A. P. A. organization of years ago, along about the 90's and how it thrived and was kept alive by the foolish who paid their money to read about what terrible things were committed by this religious body, and they too died and even in this short a time, men have forgotten the ones who headed this organization, and what it was all about; the organization which it attacked so strongly is still going strong; so it is with all such organizations they live off the foolish for awhile, some fellow waxes rich off of them, and they pass, not even leaving a hole or impression in their passing. We believe that the publishing house of today is better for the world than the old publishing house; in this place they now publish information which does the traveler some good, but the old one did no one any good but got the traveler along life's highway confused in his route and in the end he in all probability got lost before he reached the goal.

We must leave here, but would like to stay awhile longer and get better acquainted with the people. The Ozark Hotel is a fine place to stop when in Aurora. It is run by a highly respected woman who has spent years in the business and knows how to treat her guests. We enjoyed her hospitality.

On the road from Aurora to Joplin is about the same as along the route into Aurora from the north. You see cows everywhere, but we notice that along this highway they have more good Jerseys, than along where we have traveled so far. The road leading out from Aurora to Neosho is better than what we have between Springfield and Aurora, better homes too, down this way, but land no better excepting in spots.

Driving into Neosho we stopped at one of the banks and asked how times were with them, and they were very kind in explaining to me, that the cow and fruit had put them back on the map, after trying mining as a game wholly. We visited the new Pet Cream plant here. Was much surprised at the size of the plant and

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the completeness of same. The plant here cost \$250,000, is of brick and concrete construction and a model in every respect. Capacity of this plant is now 150 tons per day of milk, when fully running and another tank put in for condensing more milk, will be 200 tons per day. It takes 10,000 cows to run this plant when in full operation. Their ice capacity here is 40 tons per day. At the present time (August and running only two weeks) the pay to the farmers is running \$800 per day. Their method of getting water here is unique. Above them, some twenty feet or more in another part of town, there is a spring which flows millions of gallons of water per day, this is piped thru an 8" pipe by gravity to the plant, and as the water is very cold, they have plenty of water at all times and do not have to pump same. I visited this spring on my way out and it is a wonder, flowing out of the solid rock bluff at a tremendous rate, clear and cold. It runs under one of the Hotels here and I am told that it keeps the Hotel as cool as an ice plant in the hottest weather. We have to leave, though we could stand around and view the wonders of this little park where the spring comes out, for a long time and not get tired. Leaving Neosho we go up a steep grade in going out of the City, and along a wonderfully good gravel road till we see fish farm sign. This is where they raise fish, trout, and sell them. But not having time to spare, we pass it up. Just about the same sort of scenery all the way to Joplin, excepting now and then we see some wonderfully "spring fed" creeks, which look inviting enough to make a fellow want to get out and wade, as he did when a boy. Nice gravelly bottom, water clear and full of fish, so we are told.

Here we are in Joplin—the city of lead and politicians.

The business buildings of this town are not what one would imagine, from the natural expectation of a town of this size. There are some fine homes around the town, but mostly the farms are a pile of waste that has been dug and left after getting what lead and zinc was in it, thus making the landscape look like the sand-hills of northern Indiana and Oklahoma.

We talked to several men about the conditions in and around Joplin, and find that the farmers and land owners are going in for cows, as they have found that there is nothing permanent in lead and zinc. Most of the miners have gone to Oklahoma just over the line, where the greater lead and zinc mines are now located. When a mining town is dead, it is deadlier than any place you can well imagine.

From Joplin we go to Mount Vernon and inspect another milk condensing plant, that of the Carnation people. Here we counted 18 trucks, large ones, too, unloading or waiting to be unloaded. This is a steady stream of "milk coming in, and money going out".

This plant has been running for some time and the farmers are proving that they believe in it. Trucks go out and gather in the milk for a radius of many miles, I am told, and all along the highways you can see cream cans waiting for the trucks. This saves the farmers time in taking milk to the condenser and also saves him money, for the truck can make the trip for many cheaper than each individual farmer can make the trip just for himself. I talked to the Banker in Mt. Vernon, and he said, "were it not for that milk plant, there would be no bank here nor would there be a town today, there would be no need of either. The milk plant has saved Mt. Vernon and saved our people from want".

From my observation of the people who were in town, and there were a lot of them on account of a picnic held in celebration of the plant's anniversary, the people all looked happy, healthy and prosperous. After passing over this country and seeing their rock piles, where after every plowing and every rain they have to "pick up the rocks", one wonders what is the matter with Southeast Missouri and her people where their land is so fertile that all they need to do is to plant and get a crop, with little work, where all crops grow and a "feed store would starve", where as here there are more feed stores furnishing feed to the farmers than any other sort. What manner of people have we, that they can't do double or even a hundred fold more than these people who are so handicapped by their soil conditions. Is adversity really an incentive for man to work the harder?

The question comes, what are we going to do about it?

If the people of what is commonly known as the Ozarks could have as much as one foot of our fertile soil spread over their land, would it enrich them, ruin them? Are we, as a people taking care of our inheritance?

The further we go, the better we like Southeast Missouri, but we are also impressed with the fact that

we are the most wasteful people on the face of the earth. Where other people are making a living with one-tenth of the soil we have, we are going ahead making a failure by trying to do the impossible, that of trying to cultivate all the land in one section, with one man, who in many cases hasn't brains enough to farm over 40 acres and do that well. Is that the tenant's fault, or is it the landlord's? This is one thing it would be well for both landlord and tenant to figure out, and get it settled, for it is a sure fact we are not producing, per acre, per man, one-fifth what we should with the soil we have. With the climatic conditions we have and with the roads and markets we have at hand. What will our answer be when the time comes for us to give an account of our stewardship of the talents given us?

FACTS OF INTEREST TO CHICKEN OWNERS

Records from experimental results show that a good cockerel will increase the income from 60 of his pullets by \$47.58. Fifteen hens were bred to a cockerel whose dam laid 262 eggs a year. The 15 hens averaged 128 eggs a year. Sixty pullets saved from this mating averaged 152 eggs a year. When these pullets were mated with a pedigreed cockerel from 263 eggs hen the result was a bunch of pullets that averaged 183 eggs each. This is an increase of 55 eggs per hen above the original flock in two years.

Sixty hens of the original type laid 7680 eggs worth \$192.00. Sixty pullets from these hens and by the first pedigreed cockerel laid 9120 eggs worth \$227.52. The next cross produced 60 pullets that laid 10,880 eggs worth \$128.24. In other words the two cockerels brought a total increase of \$95.16 in net profits.

While the sixty hens might not lay as many eggs as the average flock of 160 to 200 hens the net profits would be greater. At the same time the tendency is to cut down on the number of eggs placed on the market.

The 60,088 hens in 327 demonstration flocks of Missouri farmers who co-operated with the College of Agriculture laid a total of 7,811,340 eggs or an average of 130 each. After paying \$1.70 feed bill they returned the owners \$2.54 per hen.

Many of these flock owners have been co-operating with the Agricultural College for several years. The average production has steadily increased from 100 eggs per hen in 1918 to 134 eggs in 1925.

In contrast to this is the average production of 70 eggs per hen for the entire state. A hen of this caliber just pays the feed bill but gives the owner no returns for his work and investment.

Poor layers take an enormous toll from the feed bins. They are too expensive to keep. None of them can produce eggs as economically as they should unless they are properly housed and fed. A good house does not necessarily mean an expensive house or does a good ration always mean the ration that costs the most.

It takes certain ingredients to make an egg. Some of these ingredients, notably protein are found in small quantities in grain such as corn, wheat and oats. The result is waste of material unless the flock is provided with other feeds to combine with the excess starchy materials in the grains.

PHEASANTS RATHER PLENTY FUL IN PART OF COUNTY

F. J. Cunningham is authority for the statement that quite a number of pheasants are to be found in Pemisnot county now—a species of game which is quite scarce in Missouri because it is not native to this section of the country. The greater part are located, he states, on portions of the large body of land owned by himself and his brothers south and west of Caruthersville, though some have been found as far away as the Braggadocio vicinity, and if let alone and permitted to propagate, it will be only a few years before they will be fairly plentiful.

He states that the birds originated from a flock which he raised in 1911 on his farm near this city, when he

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DERRIS--THE DRUGGIST

obtained a setting of eggs of the Mongolian pheasant and reared them to the almost grown stage, when he liberated them in the woods on the large tract of land mentioned, among them also being a few Mexican partridges. They have multiplied now so that hunters often run across them in those woods and it is not uncommon for them to be puzzled as to what manner of fowl they are.

A word of warning and a request to such hunters Mr. Cunningham believes may not be amiss at this time. In the first place pheasants are protected by state game laws and moreover all the Cunningham Brothers land is posted, so that hunters who fall before the temptation to bag the pheasants are liable to prosecution on two counts. In the second place, he would like to ask that the pheasants be spared for the sake of permitting them to multiply, for they are both beautiful and harmless. The Mexican quail can very well take

care of themselves, he says, and any hunter who is able to bag them will earn all he gets.—Caruthersville Democrat.

Your discarded felt hat will do nicely to be used as soles for the bedroom slippers. Use the old soles as a pattern for cutting.

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Notices have been sent far and wide for what promises to be the largest Legion event of the year locally. Of course an exception will have to be made of the Fourth of July celebration which was put on by Henry Mel-drum Post No. 114.

The red letter event to which reference is made, is the feed that will be given by the Post on Wednesday night of this week at the Hotel Del Rey.

More than one hundred announcements have been sent to the ex-service men of this community and the responses that have arrived make the committee think that the dining room of the Del Rey will be taxed to overflowing.

Those attending will be grouped at tables according to the branch of service in which they served. Table markers have been made and it will be interesting to know how many Infantrymen, Cavalrymen, Signal Corps

wire stretchers, Gobs, Gyrgines, Engineers, Air Service, Q. Ms., Artillerymen, Medicos, and Motor Transporters will be on hand in a hungry attitude.

There will be the old songs of 1917 and '18 to live up the gang, and the ex-troopers will listen to the old gags and endeavor to impress the multitude assembled that one particular branch was the one which did the trick.

"When I was on the Border", will give way to "Now at Camp Funston". In order to set some at ease, it is stated with authority that speeches will be limited to two minutes, and if the angry mob tires sooner, they can feel free to call the Corporal of the Guard and ask for a relief.

The feed is on the Post, but there may be some revenue for the Finance Officer, however. Fines of ten cents each will be imposed, and COLLECTED, for each of the following offenses, each of which is covered by the 90th Article of War: The wearing of white collar, failure to wear a Legion emblem, and failure to appear with a Post cap.

Any colored collar or no collar at all will save a dime. One Legionaire is going to wear the O. D. shirt which he had on when he was wounded. Part of this shirt is missing, but it will not show.

Ask no questions about where he was hit. It was in the Argonne.

Many different Camps and Divisions will be represented and a long session is anticipated. Our guess is that none of the harrowing details will be omitted.

The past few days has brought the membership for 1928 up to fifty-seven and it is believed that the enthusiasm of the dinner will boost it well toward the 100 mark which has been set for 1928.

Members can save that dime for failure to wear a Legion emblem by seeing Heinie Henry or the Post Adjutant prior to Wednesday. Heinie and the Adj. will want a quarter for an emblem, which is the amount that the Post pays for them, but this will be a saving of fifteen cents. Figure it out.

In order that enough rations will be prepared, it is requested that Gus Martin, Charlie Hebbeler, or Capt. E. T. Wheatley be notified prior to 8:00 a. m. Wednesday by those who will attend. The mess sergeant at the Del Rey states that the chow will be good, but he demands enough time to make the necessary purchases and preparations and who can blame

him? Lesson number on that was learned in the good ole days, never to argue with the mess sergeant.

Sikeston High School News

By Hallie Carey

The Sikeston Bulldogs got an excellent start in the basketball season, last Friday, when they played the Bertrand boys. During the first quarter, the Bulldogs did not shine so well, but when the half ended, the score was in our favor being 22-13.

The first team started the second half, but the second team was put in for the last quarter. The game ended with the victory in our hands, the score being 44-29.

The line-up that started the game was as follows:

"Beans" Robinson, center; Capt. Weekley, forward; Leonard Watson, forward; Weldon McDonald and Dick Swaim, guards.

The following compose the second team: Bill Baker, Kemper Bruton, Earl Keller, Raymond Aufdenberg, T. B. Dudley and Garth Doss.

We hope the girls get as good a start Wednesday afternoon when we play Bell City as the boys did Friday.

Don't forget the big opening game with Dikehlstadt December 22 and Home Coming afterwards.

Old Santa Claus

Dear Santa Claus:

I am eight years old and in the fourth grade. Please bring me a doll that walks and talks, a doll buggy, a raincoat, a pair of red house slippers and fruits, nuts and candy. Goodbye Santa.

BETTIE LOU SIMPSON.

Dear Santa Claus:

I am writing to tell you what I want for Xmas. I am a little boy, 7 years old and I have tried to be good this year. I want a wagon and a good French harp for Xmas. Of course I want some fruit and candy.

DERRIS MILLER GRAY.

NOTICE TO HUNTERS

Hunters and other trespassers are hereby notified to stay off my farm under penalty of arrest and fine.

ED F. FRY.

Local and Personal

Mr. Churchill of Venita, Okla., is visiting his daughter, Mrs. T. A. Slack.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben F. Marshall and babe, of Blodgett, were visitors to Sikeston, Sunday.

Mrs. Tom Allen held a class recital at her home Saturday morning. Only her pupils were present.

The ladies' Sanctuary Society of Catholic church met with Mrs. Goza last Thursday afternoon.

The circle meeting of the Missionary Society will meet at the M. E. Church Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Witt's and little daughter suffered a severe fall and injured her nose last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Watkins and children spent Sunday at the Louis Watkins farm, near Vanduser.

Miss Leona Bertrand of Benton was the guest of Miss Evelyn Sutton, Thursday night of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Hamby of Morley visited the G. H. Barger family Saturday and shopped in Sikeston.

The Delphian Society held their regular meeting Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Jos. L. Matthews.

Mrs. G. P. Van Arsdale, Jr., and Mrs. Earl Johnson entertained at bridge at the Hotel Marshall, Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Jos. L. Matthews will entertain the Night Bridge Club at their home on Kingshighway, Thursday night.

Miss Mayme Marshall will entertain at bridge Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons at her home on North Kingshighway.

Mrs. Ruskin Cook has returned to her home in St. Louis, after a pleasant visit with her mother, Mrs. Maud Stubbs, in San Diego, Calif.

Christmas entertainment given by Miner Switch Baptist Sunday School at Miner church, Saturday evening, December 24, at 7:00 o'clock.

Mrs. Orland Arthur is expecting her mother, Mrs. Edward Mahler and son, Glen, of Chicago, to arrive on Thursday and visit for a week.

The Co-Workers will have their regular meeting with Mrs. A. B. Skillman, with Mrs. Emma Kendall and Mrs. Skillman as hostesses.

Emmet C. Combs of Paris, Mo., traveling for the Fly-Tox people, was a Sikeston visitor the latter part of the week and visited with The Standard editor.

Mrs. N. C. Watkins, Mrs. E. A. Matthews, Misses Catherine Smith, Lillian Shields and Miss Cowan were visitors to Cape Girardeau Saturday afternoon.

The Catholic ladies will have a bazaar at the home of Mrs. Emanuel Schorle Thursday afternoon. Cakes, candies and fancy articles will be for sale. Everybody come.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Helton, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Clippard and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Pelz of Cape Girardeau were guests of Mr. and Mrs. David Lumsden, Thursday of last week.

Among the many students who will arrive home during the week to spend the holidays with homefolks, are: Misses Barbara Beck, Virginia Freeman, Tylene Kendall, Forde Bowman and Ruth Baker.

The Miner Switch Baptist Ladies' Aid have done some fine work this year. In a number of different ways they have helped much in financing the church and hope to do greater things in the future. They have proven their loyalty to their church.

Notice has been received in Sikeston that the case of Dola Vowels vs. the Missouri Railway Co., will be heard before the Supreme Court of Missouri en banc. The case was argued before Division 1 and decided for the plaintiff, but the defendant railway company appealed to the full court. No date is set for the argument.



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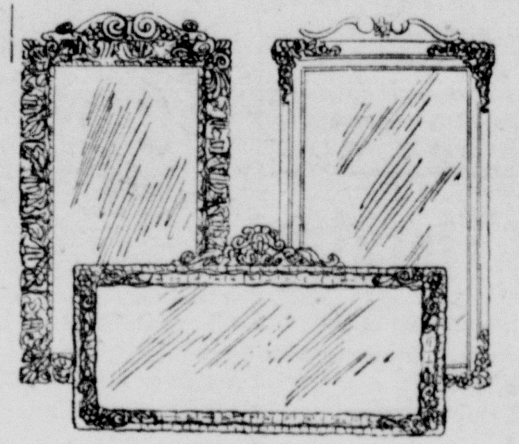
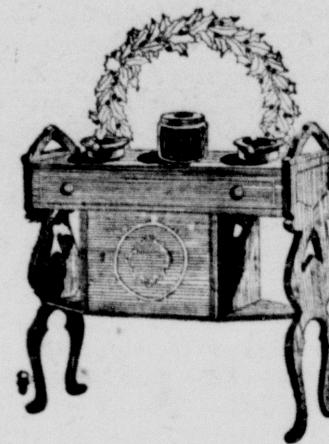
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I am eight years old. My mother's name is Vida Huey. I want a big doll and a pair of gloves, something to eat. I am not going to ask for many things for I want other little children to have something. I am in the third grade. Don't forget my brother and my two sisters. Goodbye. I want a buggy, too. My name is,

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FOR RENT—6-room house with bath two blocks from business district.—See Sikeston Mercantile Co.

FOR RENT—6-room house, newly decorated, lights, bath and water. See A. C. Barrett at Bank of Sikeston, tf.

FOR SALE—Ford touring, good condition, new tires and battery. Will swap for diamond.—C. H. Yanson, Jeweler.

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FOR RENT—6-room apartment, newly papered, furnace, bath, electric lights, screened porch and garage. Phone 58 tf.

FOR RENT—6-room house, furnished. All modern convenience, 3 car garage. See Mrs. Agnes Story, Sikeston, for details.

FOR SALE—Hand-painted Xmas gifts. Peasant art raised work on china, glass and wood, 50c to \$10.—Louise M. Lewis, room 6, Hotel Marshall. 2tpd.

Miss Carolyn Hess, of Sikeston, is the guest of Mrs. Highland Schreff this week-end and will speak to the Sunday School of the Methodist Church, Sunday morning.—New Madrid Record.

Dr. B. F. McMullin, who is administrator of his mother's estate, the late Mrs. Mary A. McMullin, returned from Essex, where he held an administrator's sale of her personal estate, Saturday, December 10. He reports a very successful sale.

Pleasant Hill—Cass County News is new paper being published here.

FOR RENT or LEASE—A modern home, six rooms. Will rent part or all of it, furnished or unfurnished. Inquire phone 27.—802 Park, tf.

The W. C. T. U. held their social meeting at the home of Mrs. Ed Hollingsworth Friday afternoon. A splendid program was rendered by several young folks under the direction of Mrs. John Fox.

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SIKESTON GIN PARTLY DESTROYED SUNDAY

The fire department was called out Sunday about 1:00 o'clock by an alarm from the Sikeston gin. The fire was discovered by Curley Taylor, who lives nearby. The engine room at the west end of the plant was entirely destroyed, four or five bales of cotton that was on the platform were burned and something like thirty to fifty bales damaged.

At this time, no estimate of damage can be set on the high priced engines, but on the building, platform and cotton, it is believed the loss will be around \$8000.

No damage was done to the cotton house, the seed and seed house.

As soon as the insurance adjuster arrives, it will be determined whether or not the plant will be repaired at once or wait until spring. It is believed at least 200 more bales of cotton will come in and if either of the engines can be placed in commission, the balance of the cotton can be handled.

The fire broke out at the west end of the plant and caught from crop shooters or boys smoking.

RAIL WORKER'S MURDER PROBED BY GRAND JURY

Benton, December 9.—The Scott County grand jury, in session here since Monday, reported to be investigating the mysterious circumstances surrounding the slaying of B. M. Hargett, a Frisco railway brakeman, at Chaffee last August, adjourned late Thursday, but will convene again December 27 to resume its inquiry.

One indictment in connection with the investigation has been returned. J. B. Crader, a Frisco employee at Chaffee, was indicted on a charge of perjury and has been arrested. He is being held in jail, failing to make bond.

A number of witnesses, most of them from the Chaffee community, have been called and it is reported have related to the jury some of the mysterious circumstances surrounding the death of Hargett.

Hargett's dead body was found on a deserted street in Chaffee late on the night of August 18. Examination showed he had been dead only a few hours.

Authorities in investigating the slaying found that Hargett had come to Chaffee earlier in the day and had registered on the extra board for railway duty. Previously he had been employed by a small railroad, now owned by the Frisco, at Jonesboro, Ark., his home.

Testimony at a coroner's inquest revealed he had been visited by a number of men early in the evening. Authorities believe he was slugged over the head while in the room, taken "for a ride" in an automobile and shot to death before his body was thrown out on the street.

One man has been arrested in connection with the slaying and is being held under heavy bond.

D. H. CLOAR PASSES AWAY SATURDAY

D. H. Cloar passed away at the home of his daughter, Mrs. W. H. Tanner, on Gladys Street, Saturday morning, after a long illness. The body was taken to Union City, Tenn., to the home of a sister, where funeral services were held at 10:00 o'clock Monday morning and the body was laid to rest in the cemetery at Clayton, Tenn.

Mr. Cloar was a respected citizen of Sikeston, where he has lived for many years. He was especially well known by the traveling public as he had been a hotel keeper for many years, having been the proprietor of the Jefferson Hotel, on Prosperity Street, until the death of his wife several years ago.

He leaves to mourn his death, a daughter, Mrs. Rivers Tanner, and one son, Kelsy Cloar, also a sister at Union City, Tenn.

The Junior Epworth League met Monday afternoon with Mrs. Lyle Malone.

Mrs. Mary A. Fox, 76 years old, died Friday at her home at Bertrand. She had been a resident of Mississippi County for more than 50 years. Funeral services were held Sunday. Surviving her are two daughters, Mrs. S. B. Hardwick of Bertrand and Mrs. Darby of Dexter. The Standard joins friends in extending sympathy.

COOLIDGE ENDORSES ARMY FLOOD PLANS

Washington, December 8.—Placing the full support of his administration behind it, President Coolidge today transmitted to Congress the army engineers' plan for controlling Mississippi River floods.

The proposal deals with the lower valley alone, from Cairo, Ill., to the Gulf, and would cost \$296,400,000, to be expended in ten years. It provides for a spillway above New Orleans, diversion floodways in the Atchafalaya and Tensas basins in Louisiana, a river bank floodway from Cairo to New Madrid, Mo.; the strengthening and raising of existing levees and the stabilization of the river channel.

The Federal Government would bear 80 per cent of the cost of the control project, estimated at a total of \$185,400,000, and all of the \$111,000,000 expense for stabilization and mapping of the channel. The valley states would assume 20 per cent of the flood control cost. The National Government now pays only 62-2/3 per cent of flood control costs.

Although the lower courses of the Mississippi's tributaries directly connected with its so-called alluvial valley are included in the plan, the problem of controlling the floods of those streams is left for the future until the army engineers complete their survey authorized by the last Congress. The construction of reservoirs is deemed "too costly" by the report in proportion to their value as flood control measures.

The large cost of the project "is manifestly justified," the President declared in his special communication to Congress, "by the necessities of the situation and the benefits that will result." The plan is described by Coolidge as "comprehensive, and appeals to me as being adequate in its engineering."

"The Federal Treasury should bear its portion of the cost of engineering structures for flood control," continued Coolidge, "that is justified by the national aspects of the problem and the national benefits."

"In determining the distribution of the costs there must be considered not only the people of the valley itself who receive the major benefits, but also the great mass of taxpayers who suffer less directly from the Mississippi River floods and upon whom most of the burden of federal taxation falls."

The engineers' report, a bulky document containing a number of maps and many technical data, was signed by Maj. Gen. Edgar Jadwin, Chief of Army Engineers, who personally supervised much of its drafting. In a letter presenting the report to the President, Secretary Davis of the War Department said the plan "seems to afford the maximum of protection with the minimum of cost."

The recommended plan fundamentally differs from the present project in that it limits the amount of flood water carried in the main river to its safe capacity," the report said, "and sends the surplus water through lateral floodways."

The scheme of levees of sufficient height to contain the maximum possible floods, which was the past method, it added, was discussed and found inadvisable.

The essential features and functions of the plan were outlined as follows:

"The floodways from Cairo to New Madrid, from the Arkansas River through the Tensas basin in the Red River and from the Red through the Atchafalaya basin to the Gulf will relieve the main channel of the water it cannot carry and lower the floods to stages at which the levees can carry them."

"A controlled spillway to hold the levees down to safe stages at and near New Orleans."

"Local setting back of levees in the main river at bottle necks (narrow channels) to increase its carrying capacity and reduce its flood heights."

"Greater protection against crevasses by strengthening and moderately raising the levees where needed to meet predicted flood stages."

"The progressive revetment of caving banks to protect the foundation of the levees and to stabilize the river both for flood control and navigation."

"Improved navigation channels for river traffic, not less than 300 feet wide and 9 feet deep, to be obtained by dredging and training works where necessary between Cairo and New Orleans."

Reforestation is held under the plan to be a supplementary measure, although it is considered "a step in the right direction and beneficial in reducing soil erosion." The forest service had recommended the acquisition of 8,500,000 acres of land for reforestation at an estimated cost of \$42,700,000.

Under the project a total of \$25,000,000 would be expended the first year and approximately \$30,000,000 each year until completed.

The report, in dealing with the river from the mouth of the Arkansas to Cape Girardeau, said that with confining of water between levees alone in a maximum possible flood, the levees would be topped with stages as high as 6 feet.

From Cape Girardeau to Cairo, Ill., it recommended that the levees should be raised and strengthened. The plan is to set back about five miles from the west bank of the Mississippi River, levees from Bird's Point opposite Cairo to St. John Bayou just east of New Madrid, seventy miles by river below Cairo, and to lower the present river bank levee by 5 feet so that when the stage at Cairo reaches 55 feet, the water will begin to flow into the wide floodway below. This enlarged channel will preclude any predicted flood from rising above levees protecting Cairo, the report said.

It was pointed out that this will give the Cairo levees at least 3 feet free in a flood equal to that of 1927. Mound City will also benefit from the floodway it added. The levees along the Mississippi and the Ohio in front

of these towns are to be strengthened under the plan and extended slightly. The report continued:

"The new west levee from Bird's Point to New Madrid will be stronger and higher than existing levees on the river bank and will afford protection against any predicted flood. The land in the floodway between the new levee and the present river bank levee, other than the backwater area of the St. John Bayou, will be protected against all stages on record, except those of 1927. A considerable part of the total area is always subject to backwater from the St. John Bayou."

The floodway between the new and old levees will be capable of cultivation at all times excepting in floods greater than that of 1922. An estimate is included for removing part of the dike on Tiptonville Ridge to reduce the backwater area at the mouth of the St. John Bayou to the minimum practical.

"From Cape Girardeau to Cairo," the report said, "the levees on the east bank of moderate height. They will be raised and strengthened to take care of the maximum flood predicted as possible."

"The cheapest diversion developed south of New Madrid was from New Madrid to and alongside Crowley Ridge and from St. Francis to White, by a cut near Mariana. Its estimated construction cost was \$220,000,000, a sum far in excess of cost to levee raising, which is feasible in this reach."

"From New Madrid south to the mouth of the Arkansas, levees will

therefore be raised to a grade line equal to that of the maximum flood predicted as possible, except possibly between the main river and backwater areas of the St. Francis River and the White River, where a lesser raising may be expedient."

"The St. Francis basin generally, the city of Helena, and the upper Yazoo basin on the east, will be protected against the greatest predicted flood and have an ample levee free board for a flood equal to that of 1927."

"These levees will be strengthened as well as raised. The draw down from the Cypress Creek relief levee into the Boeuf River diversion below makes it possible to protect the lower part of this section of the river from super floods without excessive levee raising. The average amount that levees are to be raised thruout is approximately 3 1/2 feet above the present grade."

SIKESTON BURGLARIZED THURSDAY NIGHT LAST

By the use of skeleton keys, burglars entered the Sample Shoe Store Thursday night and took \$29.75 that had been hidden away for the night. Nothing else was missing.

At Harry Lampert's, across the street, the same means was used to gain entrance, but the party or parties must have been frightened away as nothing was missing, but a flashlight was left.

Charles Prow is expected back from a business trip in St. Louis, Tuesday.

YOUNG MEN ARRESTED FOR ROBBING MYERS

Sheriff Barham of Stoddard County asked local officers to arrest Ira Jones, Tommy Ryan and "Rabbit" Ryan on a charge of robbery and assault with intent to kill.

They were arrested Wednesday night and are now in jail at Bloomfield awaiting a hearing for assault and robbing of George Myers, near Salcedo, Sunday night.

Four young men were seen in a car in that vicinity late that evening and the description given by Myers led to the taking before Myers of Ira Jones and one of the Ryan boys, who were identified as being of the party.

MISS DOVER ANNOUNCES HER ENGAGEMENT

When Miss Lottie Dover invited friends to come to her home Saturday evening to play bridge, they did not think that they were to find a tiny strip of paper in the toe of a Sana Claus boot with "Lottie to Ralph" written on same, which was the way she announced her engagement to Mr. Ralph Reed, an engineer with Division No. 10.

Miss Dover is one of the finest and most popular girls in Sikeston and Mr. Reed is most fortunate in finally getting her to say, "yes". It is presumed the wedding will take place in the spring, after the close of school, as Miss Dover is one of the valued teachers.

The following friends were the first to hear the news: Mrs. N. C. Watkins, Mrs. Louis Emory Baker of Chicago; Mrs. Miley Limbaugh, Misses Dorothy Lillard, Anita Winchester, Lillian Shields, Catherine Smith, Hilma Black and Martha Gresham.

MR. AND MRS. A. B. DILL CELEBRATE GOLDEN WEDDING DAY

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Dill celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Jack Shuppert, Sunday, with all their children present. It was a very happy occasion for this highly respected and christian couple. Before partaking of the bountiful repast, prepared by her loving family, Mrs. Mary Miley composed and read the following tribute to this fine old couple:

To Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Dill, on the occasion of their fifteenth anniversary, December 11, 1927:
Two travelers who thro' calm and stormy weather
Have climbed the hill of life together.
Sometimes the way was hard and rough,
But there was always courage enough
To bear the load when the way seemed long
And Faith would sing a trustful song.
As each round was made
And as the heights came to view
A daughter and five sons were with you.
When the children had left the home nest
Father and Mother began to rest.
We spend our years like the tale that is told;
The spirit may be young, tho' the body be old;
So, do not mind the rainy weather,
You've had fifty years of life together.

May this your anniversary of gold
Many happy memories for you hold
When your children are gone to their homes once more
And the joys of this day are o'er
When the last happy song is sung,
May you both feel fifty years young.
Those who were with them on this occasion were:
Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Dill, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Dill, Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Dill, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Dill and daughters, Elizabeth and Marian, Miss Margaret Cisne, all of Carbondale, Ill.; Mr. and Mrs. Gord Dill and son, Hildreth, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Strain and children, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dill and children, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Carter, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Held, Mrs. Mary Miley, and Marion Carter.

The Standard joins their many friends in extending congratulations and best wishes for many more anniversaries to this father and mother.

PAN CAKE SUPPER

A pancake supper with all the trimmings will be served by the Christian ladies in the church basement, Friday evening, December 16, 5:30 to 9:30. All you can eat for one price.

The Standard family enjoyed country sausage, spare ribs and tender loin from the farm of Louis Watkins' near Vanduser.

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Davis and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Davis and babe of Collinsville, Ill., motored to Sikeston Saturday evening and visited Dr. E. J. Malone and family over Sunday. Mr. Davis is a brother of Mrs. Malone.

WEST ROUTERS DELAY ACTION IN ROAD FIGHT

Morehouse, December 9.—Further action of the West Route Association in its fight for the location of federal Highway 61 on a different route from that selected by the Missouri Highway Commission will await the obtaining of additional information. Wm. Crumpecker, chairman of the association, announced here today following a meeting Thursday night.

Members of the association from all parts of the district attended the meeting, at which Chief Engineer T. H. Cutler came in for considerable criticism because of his report recommending the proposed Kingshighway route for the road location. Crumpecker announced that another discrepancy had been found in the report. On the Kingshighway route, he said, 22.8 miles of the present highway is given a refund value of \$100,000, an average of \$4412 a mile. On the west route 10 miles of the old road used in the location of the new is given a refund valuation of \$62,500, or \$6250 a mile. The lower refund valuation per mile on the east route helped to make the engineer's estimate of construction cost lower than that of the west route, Crumpecker said.

Further investigation of Cutler's report Crumpecker said, discloses that half of the 26 bridges charged against the west route could be replaced with culverts, so that the cost of the west route construction could be reduced more. The unnecessary bridges, he stated, have been located over small ditches used to drain farms.

Another meeting of the association will be announced for an early date, Crumpecker stated, awaiting the return from Washington of members interested in the highway location. In the meantime, he said, the association will continue to gather information relative to its cause.

Among the speakers at the meeting here last night were James A. Finch and Tom Gullivan of New Madrid, and other members of the association.—Cape Missourian.

MRS. R. F. ANDERSON'S PUPILS TO GIVE RECITAL FRIDAY

The pupils of Mrs. R. F. Anderson will have a private recital at her home on North Kingshighway, on the afternoon of Friday, December 16, at 5:00 o'clock, at which time the following program will be rendered:

C Major on Parade	.....Fox
Melba Hudson	
Waltz	.....Streabog
Martha Jane Marshall	
Skippping Stones	.....Gest
Jeannette Baker	
Ripples	.....Lawson
Marshall Sutton	
Long Long Ago	.....Bayley
Helen Baker	
Wishes	.....Terry
Chinese Dance	.....Carter
Herman Sutton	
Chatter	.....Hellard
Wootsen Inez Hollingsworth	
Little Serenade	.....Grunfeld
Henrietta Moore	
Barcarolle from Tales of Hoffman	
.....Offenbach	
Norwegian Wedding March	
.....Soderman	
Virginia Baker	
Let's Dance	.....Buel
Anne Beck	
Idilio	.....Lack
Mazurka	.....Sononile
Josephine Hudson	
Valse for the Left Hand Alone	
.....Krogmann	
Marie Antoinette	.....Aucliffe
Marie Marshall	
The ButterflyLavallee
BourreeWeidig
Virginia Hudson	

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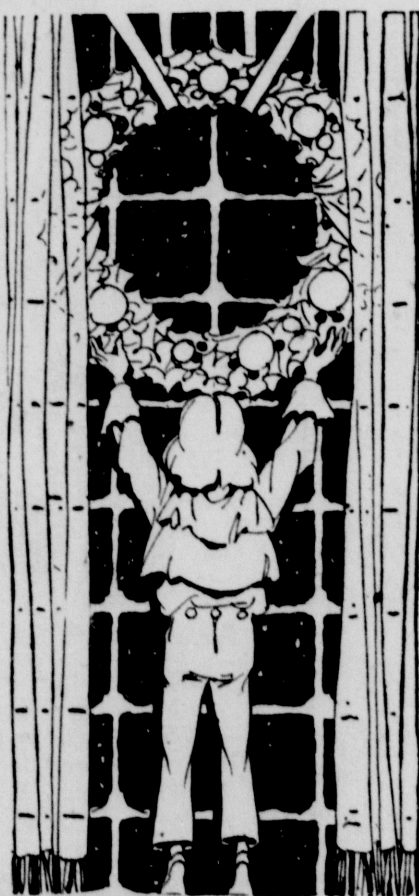
EAGERLY anticipated foot- steps will again cross the threshold . . . home will ring with the merry laughter of the happy family.

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It looks now as if the location of highway No. 61 had been settled and the east routers had won out, whether it will remain settled, remains to be seen. Chairman Matthews kinder took the wind out the west siders, when he disqualified himself from voting on the proposition. This was a wise move on his part and squelched all criticism of the decision which was unanimous for the east or Kings-highway route. There has been entirely too much mud slinging in this controversy, and even admitting that chairman Matthews did own a few hundred acres of land on the east route, we do not believe it has influenced him one bit in his decision; he is too big a man for that, he is not a peanut politician always looking for a political job of some kind. But were not the boosters of the west route equally as selfish as the charges they hurled at Mr. Matthews? Did not the Little River Drainage District, the insurance companies, Himmelberger-Harrison and nearly every man who was a booster for the west route, own land along the proposed west side route and did not they expect to reap a benefit in increased values of their land? Of course they did, or they would not have put up the money that was necessary to carry on this fight. When the west side routers charge C. D. Matthews with ulterior motives in this matter, they made a serious mistake—Ilmo Jimplieute.

The grand jury that has been in session to investigate some special cases has adjourned until December 27. If they care to throw a little kick into the community, they might look into the matter of hunting on Sunday, as that is a misdemeanor.

Highway 61 north held water several inches deep Sunday and several cars were stalled by the water splashing up and drowning the engine. Along the sides are the best drainage ditches that has ever been along this road, but the maintenance engineer has from four to twelve inches of gravel ridged up along the outer edge of the road bed that prevented the rain water from running into the ditches. Passing cars knocked the water out of the road bed a bit could not run off. The north road is smoother than it has ever been before and if the water could drain into the ditches along the side, would be above criticism.

One man's guess is just as good as anybody's so we are going to guess there will be no court action taken by the West Route Association against the present plans to proceed with letting the contract south from Sikeston to New Madrid following the late survey. The deeds for the right-of-way have already been prepared and an official out of the Jefferson City office will assist with the work of getting them signed. The contract for the first 20 miles will be placed in January and work of widening will start immediately thereafter. Much of the preliminary work can be done during February and March and by early spring the contractor will be ready to rush the work to completion.

New 1928 Missouri hunting and fishing licenses are being shipped to the various county clerks throughout the State by the State Game and Fish Department. A total of 361,975 licenses have been printed, an increase of 31,575 over the original orders for 1927 licenses. The Standard is authorized to state that these licenses will be ready the first of the year and anyone making application for license and not receiving same within a week, notify John Malone, deputy game warden, or the game and fish commission at Jefferson City.

Governor Al Smith, of New York, told how he stood on the 18th Amendment, last Sunday. He says he is in favor of enforcing the dry law as well as every other law, and that it is the duty of his state's constabulary to enforce it although New York voted to renege on its passing of an enforcement law. Smith is right. Disregarding a law does not nullify its behalf of every man to obey the law.

The Governor goes further to say the people have a right to oppose any law. Senator Borah, whose dryness is not questioned, said the same thing, but Borah went further and said he would rather see the question submitted to the people by a re-submission of the amendment through proper channels than to see it practically nullified by non-observance. Borah was right. No matter how salutary a law may be, the right of the people remains to have such law nullified legally, but this doesn't mean to nullify it by breaking it. Both Smith and Borah, and for that matter, every other thinking man and woman are of the same opinion.—Dexter Statesman.

Our grandson, Bill Payne, of Ballston, Va., aged 6 years, writes to have us see Santa Claus for further equipment for his electric train and railroad. The matter has been taken up with Old Santa and in due course of time, the Virginia lad will have his confidence in Grandad and Santa Claus renewed.

The prosecuting attorney of Butler county became a little peeved at the Daily Republican, a local Poplar Bluff paper, and sent the following word by one of the paper's reporters "The Daily Republican can go to hell, I'll run my office to suit myself". A good many people say newspaper editors never go any other place than the direction given to the Daily Republican, but the Butler county prosecutor infers in his statement that some may travel in the opposite direction, hence we are imbued with new hope.—Jackson Cash-Book.

Last Thursday morning Sikeston thermometers registered as low as 6 degrees above zero. Monday morning 64 above zero was the reading, with the weather bureau predicting sleet and snow in Southeast Missouri. These high and low readings makes it hard to dress for the weather if we had the clothes.

Another mania which clamors for a cure is our mania for taking up collections. It is becoming a costly nuisance to every business community. Hardly a day passes but that subscription papers are passed, most of them without sufficient provocation. It is because the business community is too easy. First among its New Year resolutions should be one to say no to the man—or the woman—collection taker unless the cause be one of genuine merit. It is just a matter of time, as matters are now going, until we will be called on to provide railroad tickets, room with bath, box tickets and spending money for indigent sports who wish to attend ball games or prize fights in a big city. We sometimes think public panhandling should be forbidden except to those who can give satisfactory evidence to some hard-boiled official that the facts warrant the privilege.—Paris Appeal.

SIMON IS HARD PUT

Simon Loebe, the richest newspaper man in Southeast Missouri (he made his money selling the great open spaces to bill board advertising instead of columns in his newspaper), breaks down and confesses that he is a religious nuisance in his town. He makes public admission that every time he goes to church some saint quits the church for good and disappears into the ranks of the unbelievers. He stops short of explaining this antipathy of his neighbors but makes the blunt and Christian like retort that he is through with going to church. Taking the admonition of St. Paul, "If thy right hand offend cut it off", he says he will not be seen in church any more. Surely this is the stuff of which martyrs are made.

Knowing Simon as we do, it is only fair to say that we are not willing to believe it is his repulsive personality. Simon is not blessed with undue pulchritude, nor is he an Apollo or Adonis as to general appearance, but he is not a satyr. After due consideration and by a process of elimination we have reduced the cause of the exodus of his brethren to one of two reasons, either his snoring is raucous and unmusical, jarring on the more sensitive nature of his constituencies or, the community needs a revival of old-fashioned foot washing religion. The latter if practiced once or twice a month might relieve the assaults made on the olfactory senses of those sitting in the nearby pews.

These suggestions are made in the interest of religious worship and for the further purpose of maintaining community harmony in Simon's home town of Charleston.—Poplar Bluff Republican.

Street accidents are becoming so much more numerous, especially in the big towns, that the hospitals find all their beds taken up with such patients, leaving no vacancies even for urgent cases of illness.

OLD SIKESTON PAPER
SENT TO THE STANDARD

Mrs. James Limbaugh has sent to The Standard, a copy of the Scott County Democrat, published at Sikeston, Mo., April 10, 1897, that contains many items that might interest some of the readers of today. The paper was published by Ernest R. Leary.

Across the top half of the paper is announcement of the Easter Specials being offered by the Emory, Sikes & Co. store, and some of the styles shown would look strang at this age of few clothes.

C. D. Matthews carries an advertisement and personally guarantees every account. He is offering to pay 5 per cent on time deposits and gets 8 per cent on money loaned.

Lowndes Randol, station agent at Morehouse, was on the sick list. It was hinted that Morehouse pump water didn't agree with him.

E. J. Malone and J. H. Vanausdale attended court at Charleston.

Mrs. C. Loebe of Charleston was a guest of her daughter, Mrs. Arnold Klein.

The following pupils of the school have by their faithfulness won the honor of wearing the medal during this school: Minnie Huckaby, Mabel Matthews, Zetta Davis, two times; L. Cooksy, Jennie Edmondson, two times; Lyman Bowman.

Congress appropriated \$200,000 for the relief and maintenance of the victims of the overflowed districts in the Mississippi Valley.

RED CROSS CHECKS WORK
IN MISSISSIPPI COUNTY

East Prairie, December 10.—Officials of the American Red Cross met here in conference with H. S. Roberts, chairman of the Mississippi County chapter. Those present were Mrs. Claude B. McCartney, district representative; Mrs. Mabel Gynne, who is taking a census of those who lost their furniture during the flood; W. R. Hollick, county judge, and E. C. Davis, manager of the reconstruction work in the county.

In the afternoon Mrs. McCartney and Mrs. Gynne also met with county volunteer workers of which Mrs. J. A. Bird of Charleston is chairman and Mrs. U. A. Swingle, volunteer member of the setup chapter for the southern part of the county and comprises two-thirds of the county.

Eighteen cases of clothing arrived this week from headquarters in St. Louis and will be distributed as soon as Mrs. Gynne completes her survey. Mrs. Jeff Clack was appointed secretary to Mrs. Bird at Charleston and Mrs. David Bright, secretary for Mrs. Swingle at East Prairie. Complete records will be kept off articles given out and turned in weekly. The national chapter will furnish the furniture and clothing, the local chapter the food where necessary.

At Christmas and holiday times candlewax sometimes drops on clothing and makes a stain. Such stains usually consist of paraffin colored with pigment or dye. Remove the paraffin as completely as possible by scraping it away with a dull knife, or using a piece of blotting paper and a warm iron. If a grease stain remains, use a solvent, such as carbon tetrachloride, chloroform, ether, gasoline, naphtha or benzol, white may at the same time help dissolve any dye on the fiber. Sponging with

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S. E. Redman, State Auto Inspector for Southeast Missouri, and M. E. Montgomery, Prosecuting Attorney of Scott County, have ordered me to

Arrest All Drivers of Automobiles and Trucks Who Are Not Complying With the State Laws by Having Two License Plates

Also All Drivers Who Have No Chauffeur's License. If You Have Lost a Plate You Can Secure Application Blanks at City Hall

If you are a violator and are arrested a fine and cost will be assessed.

Brown Jewell
Constable Richland Township

wood alcohol may be tried if any dye remains.

From New Jersey to Venezuela flew a toy balloon recently, and a South American chicken fancier picked it up, according to Popular Science Monthly. It had been released by A. O. H. Perry, of Hasbrouck Heights, N. J., who had attached a card bearing his name and address. He received word from the Venezuelan that the balloon had successfully crossed the sea to land in his back yard, scaring his poultry out of a year's growth. Thus a new transoceanic flight was written into the annals of recent aviation achievement.

Monett—Rialto Theatre purchases new Art Craft electric sign to place on front of theatre.

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Modern Clothing
Is Made For Style---
Not Durability

The days of homespun, broadcloth, "doe-skin" and tough serges have passed—never to return.

Style's the thing, and a certain concession to vogue must be made by every man, or he's considered a back number—regardless of what he may be. Foolish? Maybe, but it's the way of the modern world.

Because of this, clothing is now made to give a maximum of about one year's wear. This adds to the burden of care for the owner, and care calls for

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Thursday, December 22



DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE

Washington, D. C., December 4.—In a statement which he gave to the press of the country recently, Secretary of the Treasury Mellon admitted that business conditions are what might be termed "spotty", that while some lines of business are rather "weak", some others "were going full tilt". Not long ago, President Coolidge, in discussing business conditions, was quoted by White House correspondents as admitting that there had been some depression and uncertainty, but the danger was past, and in effect, that prosperity was again widespread.

Secretary Mellon's admission that prosperity is "spotty" and the Presidential confession that there had been a period of depression are at variance with the lavish claims of universal prosperity which have been emanating from administration quarters for so long. Others have been contending for a long time that the prosperity was just what Secretary Mellon now admits it is, "spotty", that is certain tariff-favored special interests, like the steel trust, Mr. Mellon's aluminum trusts and the DuPont interests were coming large dividends, but that farmers, workers and the smaller class of merchants and manufacturers were not realizing large profits, and that many of them were actually going into bankruptcy.

At the recent convention of the National Manufacturers' Association, held in Chattanooga, Tenn., there was skepticism over the administration claims of large turnovers and big profits, even among the manufacturing class. The term "profitless prosperity" was coined at that convention, suggesting that while the wheels of industry were turning, most of the producers are not making substantial profits. Most of the blame is placed on the high cost of production, and the chief factor in that is the enormous tariff duties imposed by the Fordney-McCumber Act.

There are other signs of a lack of confidence of a golden prosperous era ahead under the high tariff and some of the other policies of the Coolidge administration, which showers favors on a few special interests while others are engaged in a sink or swim struggle.

For example, there has been a heavy slump in building activities. Building permits in the principal cities of the country during October amounted to \$185,492,500 as compared with \$283,244,300 during October, 1926, a decrease of nearly \$100,000,000. But it is in the record of in-

solencies among the traders and small manufacturers that basis is found for Secretary Mellon's admission that prosperity is "spotty" and extremely so.

For the first ten months of 1927, as shown by reports to R. G. Don & Co., there were a total of 19,120 defaults as compared with a total of 17,874 during the first ten months of 1926 and 17,664 during the first ten months of 1925. The number during the first ten months of this year is the greatest during any like period in the country's history, likewise the liabilities involved in these bankruptcies. The liabilities involved in the failures during the first ten months of 1927 reached the enormous total of \$432,895,442, an increase of more than \$100,000,000 over those for the corresponding period of 1926, when they aggregated \$330,928,707.

The report shows that a major part of the increase in insolvencies this year has been among manufacturers. They were of the smaller class, vindicating the claim often made that the high tariff policy of the Coolidge administration is a boon to the trusts and monopolistic manufacturers, but is proving so ruinous to the smaller plants that they have coined the phrase "profitless prosperity". It is only such monopolies as the steel and aluminum trusts that thrive under prohibitive tariffs.

Further indication that the administration leaders are not confident the next year or so are going to be a golden period may be found in the opposition of President Coolidge and Secretary Mellon to a tax reduction of more than \$225,000,000. With any such degree of prosperity as the President has prophesied, the Treasury surplus next year should exceed a half-billion dollars, and Democrats in Congress wish to give the benefit of this surplus to the overburdened taxpayers. The Coolidge-Mellon insistence that the tax reduction be held to \$225,000,000 does not fit into the picture the President has painted of a golden era just ahead.

MAKING BAITS FOR THE TRAPPERS THAT GETS 'EM

It is an old story, to catch a bird, put salt on his tail. There is a firm in Kansas City that makes bait for catching wild fur bearing animals. This bait is shipped all over the world and has become famous.

The trapper of today is not the leather shirted rifleman so dear to the readers of dime novels. He is the farmer boy, whose age usually ranges from 12 to 22 years. The streams, the forests and the fields near his home are his hunting grounds.

To catch a wild animal the right sort of bait must be used. The baits made by this firm comprise nineteen varieties. There are pastes and liquids that attract animals by scent. The most costly is a bait for catching wolves made from the musk of the Siberian deer. It costs the manufacturer \$25 an ounce and comes high.

Cotton—Work on Cotton and Bunceton road progressing.

The Chillicothe Business College formally opened its new Gymnasium-Auditorium, one of the best recreational buildings in the state, with a big school party for the students on Tuesday evening followed Thursday evening by a big reception and housewarming for the townspeople, many of whom contributed financially to the building. Permanent built-in bleachers and a mezzanine floor provide a seating capacity of 1800, but when used as an auditorium, 1200 removable seats are provided for the gym floor thus increasing the seating capacity to 3000. One-third of the \$60,000, the cost of the building, was financed by the business interests of Chillicothe in an intensive campaign sponsored by the local Chamber of Commerce early last spring.

CAIRO UNABLE TO PAY FLOOD CONTROL SHARE

Washington, December 9.—The city of Cairo, Ill., cannot pay the 20 per cent share for flood control as proposed in a report of Army engineers, Mayor August Bode of that city, told the House Flood Control Committee today.

We have paid huge sums for years, and we cannot raise any more money", he declared, adding that he also believed the other flooded sections could not pay their shares. The cost of lands where flood protection works are erected will mean an additional \$100,000,000, he asserted. Bode said said engineering plans were adequate.

Commissioner Alexander Wilson of Cairo, also a member of the Illinois Legislature, said that his section wants "speedy relief". He claimed the Army engineers' program would continue the policy of the Mississippi River Commission which would not complete the works unless the money was first raised by local committees. He said his section could not wait and urged Congress to appropriate money as soon as possible.

An ideal fabric for windows, and one that is not expensive, is the artificial gauze, which is particularly effective when two different colors are put together.

MISS LENA MATTHEWS HONORED AT COLLEGE

Miss Lena Matthews, of Skeston, has just been selected by Miss Laura Thompson, head of the athletic department of William Woods, as one of the players on her all-star hockey team, the season for which has just closed at William Woods. Places on this squad are assigned to students who have been outstanding in the work for the period this outgame is engaged in and Miss Matthews was easily one of the stars. As a result of this recognition she will be credited with 150 points toward a State letter in athletics. She was placed at a fullback position, where she played on several teams during the season.

Suits of velveteen are shown by every important designer. They are featured in models with three-quarter length as well as short coats, and are especially successful when a knitted jumper is included to form a complete ensemble.

Not all the interest is centered upon slippers these wintry nights, for the stockings that accompany them are worthy of note. Some are exquisitely sheer, with the heels in the shape of fluer-de-lis outlined with a line of silver or gold.

185 BUSHEL OF CORN GROWN ON LESS THAN TWO ACRES

Grove Spring, December 9.—Oscar L. Bramhall, Wright County farmer, who resides near here, has completed the harvesting of 185 bushels of corn on one and three-quarters acres. This is said to be a record for Wright County production.

A crop ration, including timothy, wheat, oats and clover, during which commercial fertilizer was applied, was followed, and the land, which is in a creek bottom, then was allowed to rest as a meadow for three years. The crop rotation and meadow period together occupied 11 years.

The seed corn was Boone County White, and was selected from corn chosen for type and quality yield during the past six years.

The corn, planted last April 20, was harrowed twice and cultivated three times.

Covering 53 square miles of York-shire, England, an estate has just changed hands. It includes three manors, 17 hamlets and two collieries.

Paraffining American cheese will prevent mold growth, but the paraffin must be applied very hot—about 240 degrees F.—and not until the cheese is at least two weeks old and has formed a firm, dry rind.

COUNTY COURT GRANTS FRANCHISE FOR BRIDGE

The county court acted favorably on a resolution which grants the right to E. M. Elliott and associates the right to use 100 feet for right-of-way for the construction of a bridge from Hickman, Ky., to the Missouri shore, running southwestwardly; and for wharves and buildings and other improvements. The bridge to be not less than 18 feet in width and to have draw spans for passage of boats. The grant provides for the right-of-way along and over the waters and submerged lands to be used for the bridge and approaches, fills, trestles and drawbridges, subject to the approval of the War Department.

No private property is granted without due process of law and compensation nad authorizes the use for electric or steam railways.

The highway department or the counties of Fulton, Ky., or Mississippi county, Missouri, or either have the right of purchase at any five year period or after 20 years.

The resolution stipulates further that E. M. Elliott and associates, or their successors or assigns shall accept within 30 days and file such acceptance with the court and upon failure to do so file the resolution becomes void. It further provides that construction shall be begun within 12 months or completed in two years or it becomes void.

The resolution provides that it shall be a toll bridge. Charges to be \$1.00 for auto and driver and 10 cents for each additional person and not over \$1.50 for bus and driver, and 10 cents for each additional person. Pedestrians will be charged 10 cents; not over \$1.25 for one-half ton trucks and 25 cents for each additional capacity. —Charleston Times.

TORNADO RATES MAY BE ADVANCED IN MISSOURI

There is very apt to be a material increase in the tornado insurance rates in Missouri. Insurance rates like all prices for commodities and service are fixed so as to provide a profit. The state has suffered heavily during the past year and 1927 has not been profitable. This year the greatest loss was at St. Louis, with Poplar Bluff second, and many other communities hit hard. St. Louis is the only large city in the United States to suffer two destructive cyclones within a period of 31 years, and the average loss rate here as compared with other states has been exceedingly heavy within the past five years. —West Plains Gazette.

BLACKENS FACE TO HOLD UP CAIRO HOTEL

Cairo, Ill., December 9.—A lone robber about 4 o'clock this morning entered the Halliday Hotel here, one of the largest hosteleries in Southern Illinois, covered A. H. Jackson, the clerk, with a revolver, forced him to put up his hands and face the wall, then took \$224 from the cash drawer in the office and escaped.

No one was in the lobby of the hotel at the time. The robber overlooked several hundred dollars in another drawer in the office.

The robber was a white man with a blackened face. He wore no mask.

The cost of producing a crop is much more within the farmer's control than is the price he receives for the crop.

What becomes of your dismantled Christmas tree after the holidays? Don't try to burn it in the fireplace, even if partially cut up. The dry, brittle evergreen will start a roaring fire and possibly set fire to the chimney, endangering the house. Have the tree dragged away to a safe place for a bonfire, and use it as a nucleus to get rid of any other rubbish that can be burned up. The same precautions apply to any sort of Christmas greens.

THE SILK HOSE GIRL SHOULD EARN \$1800

Sikeston girls, all of whom wear stockings that cost \$1 to \$5 a pair, are trembling at thought of what they would be displaying if only those who earn \$1800 a year were permitted such luxuries.

It has been determined scientifically at the University of Chicago that a young woman ought to earn \$1800 or more if she wants to wear chiffon hose and go to the theatre.

A budget, prepared and illustrated from advertising columns of daily newspapers by Miss Katherine Blunt of the home, economics department, shows exactly what could be done on \$1800 annually. It assumes that such a girl could find a girl to share a \$75 apartment without kitchenette, making her share of the rent \$37.50.

The budget then allows \$3 a week for board, 35 cents a day for lunch, \$14 a month for carfare, \$1.80 for telephone, \$50 a year for doctor, dentist; \$583 for clothing, \$21.19 for cosmetics, \$3.95 for jewelry, \$30 for vacation, \$250 for savings and \$1.75 week for recreation.

The clothing budget allows for ten dresses, the most expensive costing \$20, and three coats, including a slicker, totaling \$162.

It would seem from the conference, however, that the saying "two can live as cheaply as one", has some truth in it, for the budget shows how the wife of a \$3600 a year man may feed her husband for 51 cents a day.

The 51-cent menu was divided this way:

Breakfast—Banana in cream; oatmeal (bought in bulk for economy); bacon (bought cut from slab instead of packed in a box); toast and coffee; cost, 16 cents.

Luncheon—Tomato soup (made with milk; beans baked in bacon fat; a baked apple; cost, 13 cents).

Dinner would include round steak, potatoes, creamed carrots, cabbage salad with French dressing, rice pudding, bread and coffee, costing 22c.

A less thrifty wife could prepare a day's menu containing the same number of calories for \$1.26. Such a wife would serve a breakfast of orange, box cereal, sweet rolls, bacon (from a box) and coffee (34 cents); luncheon consisting of tomato soup (made with butter and cream), egg salad, a baked apple with cream and sugar, and white bread (32 cents), and a dinner of lamb chops, potatoes, brussels sprouts, baking powder biscuits, lettuce salad and a cream dessert containing pineapple, gelatine and cream (60 cents).

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Ornate Dresser Things



Ideal for gift occasions are exquisite articles which show French inspiration in their elaborate finishings of gold lace and satin gurlanded with flowers of superb silks and ribbons, all displaying a superior handcraft. Christmas will be a time for rejoicing for the debutante or bride who receives anything so beautiful as the dresser utility box shown in this picture, covered with taffeta silk veiled with all-over gold lace, garnished with a cluster of handmade taffeta roses. The comb case and top of brush are made to match.



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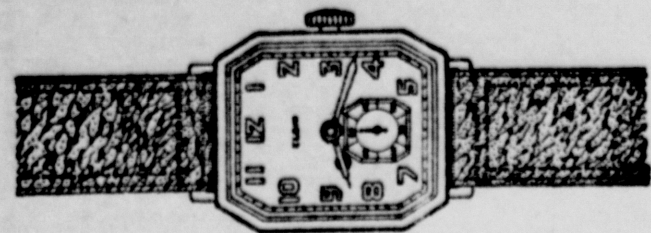
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The Merchants Lunch Will Be Continued as Before, 12:30 to 1:30, 50c

A Hand-Blocked Scarf



Oh dear, there's Dorothy and Betty Jane, Phyllis and Sister May and mother and Aunt Mary and Cousin Eloise still on the Christmas list! It's an S. O. S. call sent out for gift suggestions. A hand-painted or hand-blocked scarf for each? The very thing! It's heaps of fun painting them one's self, but if one hasn't the leisure, the specialty shops and neckwear departments are featuring hand-painted articles, at prices very reasonable. Squares and triangle shapes which yield to such nonchalant knotting about shoulders and throat compete with the oblong scarf.



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Well, another of the five bolting Democrats, has received his reward at the hands of Governor Baker, for his treachery, this "takes care" of all five of them. Senator Brownlee, one of the five senators who bolted the Democrat caucus report on the Enloe matter, has had his brother appointed on the highway commission, in place of Hugh Stephens of Jefferson City. It is reported that in making the appointment the governor held his nose and used a large bottle of No. 6 Disinfectant in his office after signing the commission.—Illmo Jim-plicite.

The Dry League is warning all political parties that candidates must be to their liking in respect to being dry, or the League will be against them. Then the other fellow will win.

One of the best things Old Santa can do for us is to see that those receiving statements for their subscriptions send the remittance promptly. The editor's box would probably not hold all of the gifts, but there are some larger boxes in the family.

It looks as though the Anti-Saloon League propose to do some corrupting themselves, and perhaps some grafting, from the fact they propose to raise a fund of \$10,000,000. Well, we are not above suspicion and will wait any reasonable offer.

Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Minner of Blodgett were in a few days ago and set up their subscription to The Standard. They will probably go to California to locate. We appreciated very much their compliments paid the paper, and specially the editorial columns.

There is a disgusted farmer over in Livingston county the news dispatches are telling of, who has this sign posted near the entrance to his place: 'Positively no more baptizing in my pasture. Within the last two months my gate has been left open twice by Christian people. I can't afford to chase cattle all over the country just to save a few sinners'.

The merchants who advertise are the ones who are trying to build up the city and the community. The Standard urges its readers to patronize the merchant who is putting his wares before you and who is trying to bring trade to the city.

AL SMITH AND THE OATH

Al Smith takes an oath to support the constitution every time he is sworn in as governor of New York. He takes that oath seriously, too, as he would if it were administered to him as president-elect. This, however, does not bar Al Smith from advocating the repeal of any part of the constitution with which he disagrees. Just because that document says thus and so does not mean that it is a crime for a citizen to take a contrary view. As American citizens we owe nearly every privilege and immunity we enjoy to men who at some time or other took issue with the constitution or the laws under which they lived. Except for their right to protest we might still be imprisoning people for debt or be licensing men to sell intoxicating liquors in public saloons or be sanctioning the institution of slavery. Al Smith, James A. Reed or any other citizen who disbelieves in the 18th amendment has just as much right, or should have, to advocate its modification or repeal as those who object to the suffrage and income tax amendments have to agitate for a change. While convinced that prohibition is just as strongly embedded in the constitution as is the provision against slavery, and that it is just as vital to our welfare as a nation, the Appeal can see no reason why any public man should be proscribed for seeing the matter in a different light or for exercising his constitutional rights in an effort to effect changes in a constitutional way. If two-thirds of the states adopt their viewpoint and vote for modification or repeal then their viewpoint ought to prevail. The very fact that so many changes have been made since the original constitution was adopted should be evidence to everybody that it is not now and never has been a thing too sacred for opposition.—Paris Appeal.

The many pretty window and store decorations about town makes it look real Christmassy!

Just a day or so ago we heard a person express their disbelief in either heaven or hell and make the statement that they thought there was no hereafter. To us it seems that life would be more of a tragedy than anything else if there was neither reward nor punishment awaiting us when we die. The question would arise as to what purpose was served by a life time on earth, and what is the use of leading a good life? Without some reward to look forward to, hopelessness would pervade the world. No race of people, no matter how primitive, has ever been found that did not look forward to a hereafter. We are glad that when things get to the worst, we can hope for heaven.—Shelbina Democrat.

Except as a last resort, no money should be sent out of Sikeston for Christmas things as the merchants seem to be well supplied and they are the ones who stay by all the panhandling schemes that are put over.

During the foreclosure sales of farm lands in Pemiscot County last week for delinquent taxes, the county court bought in several parcels which would not sell for enough to pay taxes and costs. These pieces will be disposed of privately by the court in order to make it possible for the county to realize the amount of taxes and costs due it. About 50 parcels were auctioned, insurance and loan companies bidding in those on which they had loans.

Once a man named Bill bought a new necktie, and when he got home and went to try it on he found a girl's name and address pinned to the lining, along with the romantic words: "Please write me and send your photo". Bill, trembling with emotion, complied with the girl's request, and in a few days he got her answer. Trembling harder than ever, he tore open the envelope and read: "Thanks for photo. I was just curious to see what kind of a looking guy would wear such a funny tie".

The past week The Standard gave its readers 22 pages of paper which is a high limit for a country paper. This was made necessary by advertisers who used our columns to tell of their holiday wares.

Fragile and delicate is a lamp made of glass flowers, with an electric light bulb concealed within the heart of a rose.

THIS WEEK IN MO. HISTORY

By Floyd C. Shoemaker

David Barton, Missouri's able jurist, statesman, constitution-maker and United States Senator, was born one hundred and sixty-four years ago this week—December 14, 1783.

Although Barton is sometimes called "the forgotten statesman", no man has a more valid claim to Missouri's recognition and remembrance than he, for he was one of the ablest as well as one of the earliest of her public servants. A soldier of the War of 1812; attorney-general of Missouri Territory in 1813; judge of the St. Louis circuit court; speaker of the territorial legislature in 1818; president of the first constitutional convention which framed the fundamental law of the State in 1820—these are among the important positions of trust and honor which he held during his life of forty-four years. 'He was the recognized principal author of the first Constitution of the State', says Judge Thomas Shackelford in his sketch of Barton. "And now well he impressed his judicial mind upon the judiciary of the State is evidence by the fact that the Barton Constitution is made the real foundation for all subsequent constitutions".

When Missouri became a state in 1820, David Barton was elected one of her first two United States senators almost by acclamation—a triumph in marked contrast to the bitter struggle in the same Assembly over the election of his senatorial colleague, Thomas H. Benton. Barton served the State ably in the Senate for ten years. His opposition to the policies of the Jackson administration, however, eventually brought about his defeat in Democratic Missouri, and in 1830 he retired from the United States Senate. In 1834 he served in the State Senate as the member from the St. Louis district.

Barton was a native of Tennessee, having been born in Green county (then a part of North Carolina) in 1783. He was educated at Greenville College, and later studied law with Judge Anderson of Tennessee. With his two brothers, Joshua and Isaac, he came to Missouri (then known as Louisiana Territory) in 1809. He first settled in St. Charles where he practiced law and for a time also taught school. At the close of his year of soldiering in the War of 1812, he moved to St. Louis where his brothers, also lawyers, were practicing their profession. From 1813, when he was appointed attorney-general, until his death cut short his term as circuit judge at Booneville in 1837, Barton's life was spent in honorable public service. The inscription on the shaft which marks his grave perhaps sums up adequately as possible the life of a man—"A profound jurist, an honest and able statesman, a just and benevolent man".

COUNTY COURT NEWS

John S. Cobb of Sikeston is adjudged insane and ordered sent to Farmington. Warrant for \$108 to hospital.

Harris Bissell is awarded contract for building bridge across Ramsey Creek on Kelso-Commerce road.

Gifts for Baby Dear



When it comes to "the dear little dimpled darling 'who' has ne'er seen Christmas yet," Santa Claus is simply lavish in his giving. "Something different" from the regulation silk or kidskin bound baby book are those which specialty shops are featuring of white pique with an applique of wee satin roses. The ribbon carriage strap and coverlid clamps, which complete this baby set, are made of satin flowers.

R. L. Harrison is employe dto check and verify descriptions of land on real estate books, as it appears calls are erroneous and there are duplications, at salary of \$10 per day, he to pay his own expenses.

Assessment of part lot 10 Hunter addition Sikeston, reduced from \$1940 to \$780.

Assessment of block 1 Chamber of Commerce addition, Sikeston, ordered changed from \$4760 to \$47,620.

Dr. F. L. Ogilvie of Blodgett is given permit to prescribe ethyl alcohol and wine.

E. B. Comstock, work in drainage district 15, \$140.

W. H. Watson of Blodgett is loaned \$1200 from school fund.

J. W. Heeb, attendance and mileage November term, \$21.90; Geo. Buchanan, same, \$20.80; A. Legrand, same, \$20.

Ed Guethle, pauper allowance, \$15.

S. A. Speck, pauper allowance, \$10.

Assessment of Leo Schott on lot 18 Bice 2nd addition, Oran, ordered reduced from \$800 to \$600.

Assessment of G. C. Ventres on lots 1, 2, 15 and 16 block 18, Oran, reduced from \$1720 to \$1320.

J. C. Summer of Sikeston, pauper allowance, \$10.

Gib Cash of Fernfelt, pauper allowance, \$15.

Court directs clerk to write to J. F. Crader of Cape Girardeau and ask for his resignation as justice of peace of Sylvania township.

Salaries for November: T. F. Henry, \$208.33; A. J. Renner, \$270.83; Silas Butler, \$100; Wm. Morie, \$100; M. E. Montgomery, \$208.33; George J. Arnold, \$166.67; J. H. Goodin, \$175, expense \$52.42.

County revenue allowances: Dr. U. P. Haw, traveling expense, \$50; Tillie Witt, traveling expenses, \$50; Thad Stubbs, traveling expenses, \$50; Dr. Haw, expense, \$20.30; G. J. Arnold, expense, \$94.66; G. J. Arnold, commissions, \$28.63; Neva Carlson, stenographic work in Hargett case, \$18.—Benton Democrat.

CIRCUIT COURT NEWS

Grover Dill and Jack C. White, 20 year old youths, plead guilty to stealing a car at Sikeston and were sentenced to two years in the penitentiary by Judge Frank Kelly in the Scott County Circuit Court. Sheriff Dye went to New Jersey last week and brought the young men back for appearance in court.

Susie Elkins Ruble brought suit against Tom Elkins of Illmo for custody of the 12-year-old daughter, Edna, and was given judgment by the court.

Chester Painter of Fernfelt was brought in for violation of his parole and was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary. He has been in court quite a number of times.

Wm. C. Hackleman, Admr. of Estate of J. C. Hackleman, deceased, vs. Westchester Fire Insurance Co. of New York, a corp., insurance policy. Submitted to court, judgment for plaintiff for \$800.

R. W. Maag vs. Everett Ballard, Defd. Drake Furniture Company, interpleader, court finds interpleader is entitled to property claimed.

R. W. Maag vs. Everett Ballard, Louis Keese, interpleader, court finds interpleader is entitled to property claimed.

H. D. Rodgers vs. Clyde Sadler and Lula Sadler, notes, dismissed as to Clyde Sadler, judgment by default, \$1249.69.

H. D. Rodgers vs. Harry Hicks and Effie Hicks, notes, judgment by default, \$942.25.

Bank of Illmo, a corp., vs. Fred Kremer and C. H. Morrill, note, judgment by default, \$68.25.

L. B. Kornegger vs. Frank Dye, damages, trial by jury, verdict for plaintiff for \$625.

CASES CONTINUED

State vs. John Davenport, disturbing the peace.

State vs. Frank Marting, keeping gaming device.

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State vs. F. A. Ward and Lige Cable, possession of liquor.

State vs. Ligt Cable and F. A. Ward, resisting an officer.

Harry Hamby vs. Oscar Fuller, note.

CASES DISMISSED

A. F. Crider vs. Geo. A. Stone and W. A. Wylie, note.

Peoples Bank of Sikeston vs. Geo. A. Stone and W. A. Wylie, note.

DECREE GRANTED

Bertie Atkins vs. Jodie Atkins, divorce.

Stella B. Lynn vs. T. Ulise Lynn, divorce.—Benton Democrat.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

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Jim Young to Scott County Building & Loan Association, part lot 93 Commerce, \$530.

Ida and Tony Halter to Andy Die-

bold, 1-7 interest lots 1, 2 block D An-cell, \$214.28.—Benton Democrat.

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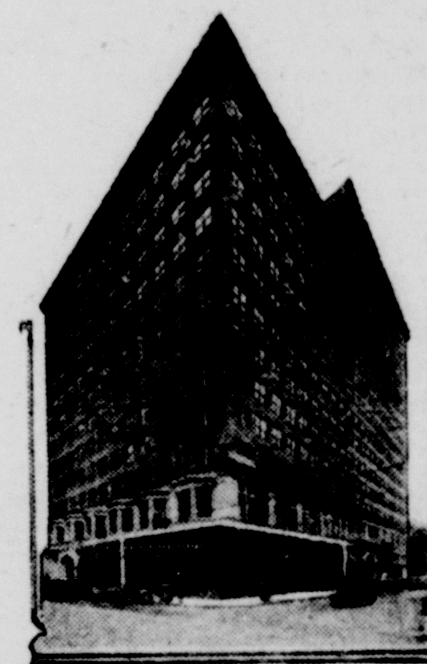
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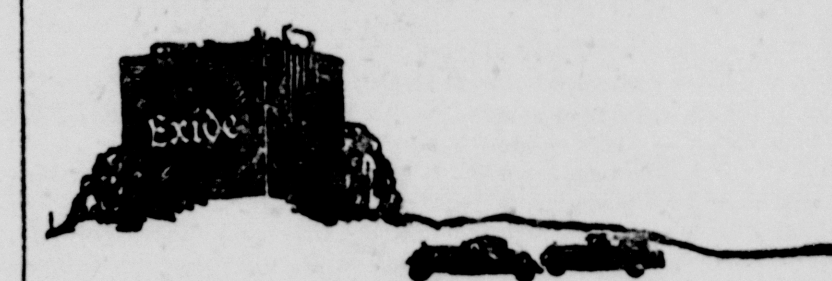
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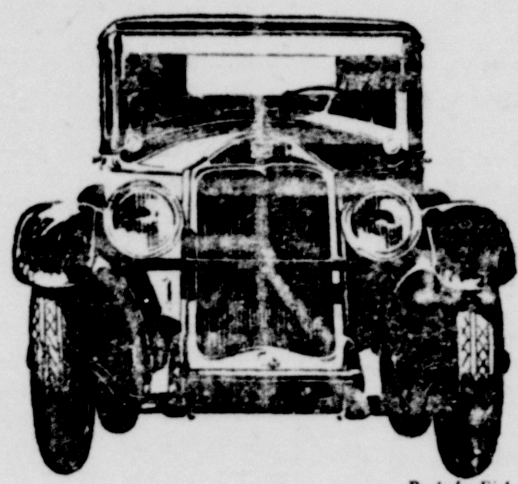
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Electricity Fades as Crop Stimulator

Bumper Yields Through Its Use Not Possible.

Growing bumper crops with the aid of electricity, a thing predicted frequently in recent years, has yet to be proved possible.

L. H. Flint of the federal bureau of plant industry is authority for this view. He advances it after four years of intensive experimentation.

Tests by the British ministry of agriculture and fisheries a few years ago led certain writers to predict freely that before long plant development could be so effectively stimulated by electricity, that bumper crops could be electrically grown.

But the United States Department of Agriculture can find no basis for such enthusiasm, according to Mr. Flint. Though not abandoning experiments to prove or disprove the theory, federal scientists to date know of no practical method of electrical stimulation for plant growth.

Recent tests by the United States Department of Agriculture were carried on with corn, planted in boxes on a revolving table. Above one set of boxes is a network of wires, from which a measured current of electricity passes to the plants below. A set of boxes containing corn, insulated from the other set, and not treated with the electrical current, is also on the revolving table as a check in field

against the electrically treated plants. Soil-conducted currents, it was thought at one time, might influence plant growth. Unpromising experimental results persuaded the scientists to discontinue this method.

Potatoes Are Improved if Dried After Digging

The time between frost and heavy freezing is oftentimes too short to permit potatoes to ripen before digging. Late planting prolongs the growing season into late fall and the crop is barely made before heavy freezing. The result is immature tubers with poor keeping qualities. The yield may be satisfactory, but the keeping and eating qualities are poor. If weather conditions and time permit, the potatoes should be left on the ground for three or four hours after being dug. This will dry off the tubers and harden the skin, thereby insuring better keeping qualities. When the picking is done immediately after the tubers are dug, too much moisture is carried to the cellar. Unless storage conditions are very good, soft rot and decay are very apt to cause heavy damages.

Digging, storage and many other problems of the potato grower are discussed at length in a bulletin distributed by the Colorado Experiment station at Fort Collins.

Find Frosted Corn Good for Silage if Watered

Good silage can be made from frosted corn; and there is likely to be a lot of corn caught by frost in New York state this fall, because wise farmers are giving the crop every chance to grow after its late start and poor progress through a cool growing season.

The New York state college of agriculture at Cornell university, in making these statements, adds that such silage is not as good as that which has not been subjected to freezing, but that all of the crop will be needed. Frosted corn is likely to be withered and dried. If the frosted corn can be put in the silo immediately after a frost there is little need of adding water. But if it has a chance to dry out, water should be added to make it pack tight and thus to insure fermentation rather than molding.

All the leaves should be saved. In feeding value, the ears come first, leaves second, and stalks last.

"Citrangequat" Is Name of a New Hardy Fruit

When horticulturists develop new fruits or grains by breeding or cross of familiar plants they have to name the products. "Citrangequat" is an example of a name evolved by breeders for the Department of Agriculture. It comes from a combination of "kumquat" with "citrange." Kumquat is an Americanized spelling of the name for the Chinese fruit. Citrange is itself a fairly recent coinage that tells its own story of a fruit that resembles an orange in appearance with the sourness of a lemon. Incidentally the citrange is the result of a cross between the ordinary sweet orange and a Japanese trifoliate orange of no commercial value and does not resemble either parent. Both these new fruits are hardy substitutes for the lime and lemon, capable of growing in regions too cold for ordinary citrus plants, and in addition are proving of value as budding stocks for the Satsuma orange.

Selecting Seed Corn

Autumn is the time to prepare for a profitable corn crop in the following season. Unless the community has its experienced and honest corn breeders, the best place for the farmer to obtain seed corn is from the fields on his farm or in his neighborhood which has proved successful in the locality. Bulletins telling how to field select seed corn can be obtained from the extension service, Colorado Agricultural college, Fort Collins.

BADLY RUN-DOWN

Kentucky Woman Had "Terrible Time" Doing Her Home Work. Strength Returned After She Took Cardui.

Shelbyville, Ky.—"Several years ago," says Mrs. Alven Jesse, of this place, "my health was very bad. I was very much run-down. I was in such a weak, nervous condition that I was not able to do my housework. I struggled to keep up, because I had to, but many a time I spent hours in bed, trying to force enough strength to go through the daily routine."

"This condition went on for some time, until I heard about Cardui, which some one told me was good for such ailments. I gave it an immediate trial, and, I am thankful to say, my improvement was rapid. I soon was able to do my housework with ease and comfort. I felt fine and I looked so much better."

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The Yellow Target A Christmas Story by Robert Stead

ANDRE SANDERSEN stroked the lean barrel of his rifle as he sat in the window of the little shanty on his prairie homestead. The full moon of a Christmas Eve poured its white light on hillmable wastes of snow. A shaft of that same light fell through the window, gleamed along the rifle on Andre's knees, played about the great hands that fondled its barrel.

But Andre was not conscious of the moonlight, except as it served to accentuate his loneliness. Across the prairie, half a mile to the southward, lay the shanty of his brother, Axel, and his brother's wife, Olga. A point of yellow light shone from Axel's window like a star on the horizon. Half a mile! Andre's rifle would carry two thousand yards, but it would need a rare marksman to hit that point of light half a mile away. He sighted the rifle carefully, estimating to himself whether there was any possibility of finding that little target. Then, as though convinced of the futility of such a purpose, he returned the weapon tenderly to his knee.

For exactly three years the Sanderse brothers had lived as strangers, although their homesteads adjoined each other. It was three years ago this very Christmas Eve that Axel

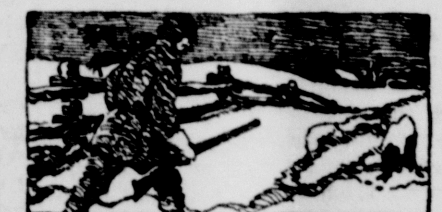


had brought Olga, his bride, to share his shanty and his life—Olga, who, in far-off Scandinavia, had pledged herself to Andre! Axel had met her at the railway station, thirty miles away, while Andre lay at home, burning with fever. Then, when she came, it was as Axel's wife!

Andre never had asked, and never learned, what had happened at the little prairie town when the fair-haired, lonely, tired girl rushed to the arms of Axel, his brother. The three had been playmates together, but Andre never had guessed that his brother loved her, too. If, in that moment, Axel had taken advantage of her loneliness and her delight at meeting an old friend to force his suit to instant decision, Andre saw in their action nothing but treachery and deceit. Never since had he stepped on his brother's farm, and he had given Axel to understand that if either he or Olga crossed the dividing line the rifle would bark and bite to kill.

During the short but busy summers Andre managed to drown his anger in work, but in winter the pangs of loneliness were upon him. They always were worse on moonlit nights. Then he would sit in his window, fondling his rifle. Especially on Christmas Eve, the anniversary of the blighting of his life, his loneliness and rage were unbearable.

Andre sighted his rifle again, but it was against all reason that he could find a target so small, so far. Very well—he could go to the target. It was a plan that long had simmered in the back of his mind; tonight he would put it into effect. He drew on his heavy coat, his cap; he drove a bright brass cartridge into the barrel



and saw that there were others in the magazine, and set out across the snow, silent save for the crunching of his heavy boots and the strange clamor of his heart.

At first he walked hurriedly, but as he neared the window he reduced his pace. Silently he crept up, in the shadow, along the wall. Three years ago this very night.

Presently he was at the window. Stealthily he raised his head until he could see within.

In a corner of the little room was a small spruce tree, which Axel, no doubt, had cut somewhere by the river. And Axel and Olga, very happy, it seemed, were knotting it with bits of colored paper. On a table, full in Andre's sight, a yellow-haired baby clapped her hands with glee.

Andre watched the scene, spell-bound, for a moment; then slumped to the ground. For a long while he lay there, oblivious to the cold; fighting, wrestling. Then, leaving his rifle on the snow, he made his way to the door, and knocked.

"Why, Andre!" they exclaimed, as he stood on their threshold.

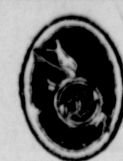
"Peace!" said Andre. "It is the Night of Peace. I bring you peace—and forgiveness."

The Christmas sun was shining when Andre retracted his steps across the snow, to feed his stock.

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On Christmas Eve

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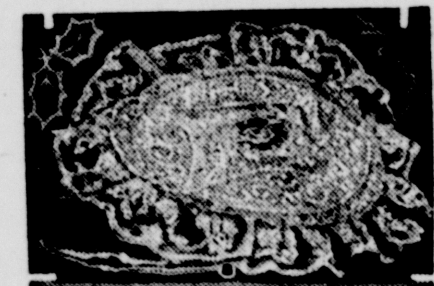
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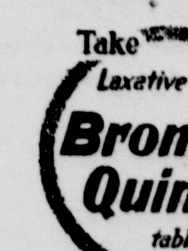
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ARTICLE NO. 13

It frequently happens that a player has both good help for his partner's bid and also a strong suit of his own. The question then confronts him: "Shall I help my partner's bid or show my own suit?" The answer to that question is really very simple: If your partner bids a major suit and you have good help for the bid, you should show support for his suit first, before you bid your own, even if such suit is also a major suit.

To bid your own suit first and then support your partner, doesn't give him a correct picture of your hand. On the other hand, if you first support his hand and then bid your own suit, you have given him accurate information. He should know that your bid of your own suit, after supporting him, is not intended as a denial but simply as a means of informing him of the character of your hand, so that the best bid of 26 cards can be obtained, rather than of thirteen. The clever bidder always tries for that result; that is, the best bid of the combined hands of himself and his partner, and any method accurately obtaining that result should be encouraged.

Example Hand

Hearts—5
Clubs—A, 8, 4, 3
Diamonds—K, Q, J, 10, 9
Spades—Q, J, 7

Z V
A V

Hearts—10, 8, 3, 2
Clubs—9
Diamonds—A, 8, 5, 2
Spades—A, K, 10, 9

No score, rubber game. Z deal, bid one spade and A bid two hearts. Should Y bid two spades, thus showing support for his partner's spade suit or should he bid three diamonds?

Problem No. 15

Hearts—J, 10
Clubs—A, 7, 6
Diamonds—8
Spades—10, 9, 7

Y B
A B
Z

Hearts—6
Clubs—K, 8
Diamonds—Q, J, 10, 9, 7, 6
Spades—none

Diamonds are trumps and Z is in against any defense? Solution in the lead. How can Z play the hand the next article, so that he can win all the tricks.



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"Just whistle a bit if the day is dark,
And the sky is overcast;
If mute be the voice of the piping lark,
Why, pipe your own small blast."

OUT OF THE COOKY JAR

There is no sweet cake in the household more popular with young or old than cookies.

Old-Fashioned Ginger Snaps.—Bring to the boiling point one cupful of molasses, add one-half cupful of sugar, and two-thirds of a cupful of butter, one tablespoonful of ginger, one-half tea-spoonful of salt and one tea-spoonful of soda. Mix well and set on ice after adding flour to roll. When chilled roll out and bake in a moderate oven.

Grandma's Cookies.—Cream one cupful of sugar with three well beaten eggs. Dissolve a tea-spoonful of soda in a tea-spoonful of hot water, add two tea-spoonfuls of cream and mix all together. Add one and one-half tea-spoonfuls of ginger and flour to roll. Place on ice over night. In the morning, roll very thin, cut and bake. The secret of a good moist cookie is to make it with as little flour as possible.

Sugar Cookies.—Cream one cupful of butter with three cupfuls of sugar, add three unbeaten eggs, one cupful of milk in which a tea-spoonful of soda is dissolved, one small nutmeg grated and flour to roll. Grated lemon peel or seeds of various kinds may be used with raisins or nuts for variety.

Corn Flake Macaroons.—Take one cupful each of sugar, cornflakes, ground nuts or coconut, two tea-spoonfuls of flour and a few drops of vanilla. Beat two egg whites very stiff, add the sugar gradually, then the cornflakes and nuts with the flour. Drop by tea-spoonfuls on baking sheets and bake in a moderate oven until brown.

Rich Cookies.—Cream one-half cupful of butter, add one-third cupful of sugar gradually, then one egg well beaten, three-fourths cupful of flour, one-half tea-spoonful of vanilla, nuts, raisins and citron to taste. Drop from a spoon on buttered sheet, spread thinly with a knife dipped in cold water. Add four raisins, an almond or two cut into strips and citron cut into small pieces, over each cookie. Bake in a moderate oven.

Nellie Maxwell

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Popularity of Legume Crops

Accounted for by Depth to Which Roots Penetrate Soil in Building.

Popularity of sweet clover and alfalfa for use as soil builders can be accounted for by the depth to which their roots penetrate the soil, says H. A. Lunt, of the soils and crops department, college of agriculture, University of Illinois.

"Measurements made on the Hartsburg experiment field of the college showed that the maximum depth of roots of various legumes in the fall following spring planting were: Common sweet clover 34 inches, alfalfa 30 inches, Grundy county sweet clover 28 inches, red clover 22 inches, alsike 16 inches, dalea 10 inches, hubam 9 inches and Korean lespedeza 8 inches."

Two Other Requirements.

Vigorous growth and thorough inoculation with the proper bacteria are two other requirements which, along with deep root penetration, must be met by a legume that is to be used for building up the soil, Lunt pointed out. Responsibility for the last point, that of inoculation, rests upon the farmer himself, rather than upon the legume. The soils may or may not be already inoculated. If not, the farmer must supply the bacteria, if the nitrogen fixing property of the legume is to be utilized.

"A legume that makes a vigorous growth will add more easily decomposable material to the soil when it is plowed under than will a legume that makes a small growth. The object is to incorporate into the soil as much material as possible which will decompose rapidly and leave in the soil considerable humus containing plant food elements for future crops."

Building Up Soil.

"For instance, a ton of legume hay, such as clover or alfalfa, when added to the soil is far more effective in building up the nitrogen and organic matter content of the soil than is an equal amount of straw or corn stalks. This is true because: (1) the legume contains five to six times as much nitrogen as does straw, and (2) there is a smaller loss of organic matter during the decomposition of the legume than there is in the case of straw or corn stalks."

"Deep root penetration is essential in order that the potential plant food in the subsoil may be brought nearer to the surface. Furthermore, deep roots probably are a factor in opening up the tighter subsoil, their roots when decomposed making the soil more porous and building up the organic matter content of the soil."

Build Up Bee Colonies Before Winter Weather

The poor honey flow of the past season will mean weak colonies if the bees are not properly prepared for winter weather.

Those young bees that will live through the winter and make up the colony next spring are being reared before the first killing frost, states C. L. Sams, beekeeping specialist at the North Carolina State college. The older bees will die during the cold weather and will be of little value to the colony and so anything that interferes with brood rearing during October will result in the colony being in poor condition for winter.

"The successful beekeeper, therefore, sees to it that each colony has a good, prolific queen," says Mr. Sams. "A queen that has been reared during the past season is preferable. There should also be enough worker bees to care for four or five combs of brood. Each colony needs to have at least 20 pounds of honey so that brood rearing will not be restricted for lack of stores and extra room should be added for the storage of nectar in those sections where there is a fall flow of honey. When these conditions have been met, the bees will see to it that enough young bees are reared to winter the colonies."

Agricultural Items

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Le Grand was a Norman who settled on Tortuga Island and became known by the English as "Peter the Great." He had been "on account" for a long time, but as a pirate he had been a miserable failure. Finally, almost starving and in despair, he came in sight of a great Spanish fleet, and seeing one ship, the biggest of all, lagging somewhat in the rear he immediately conceived a daring scheme.

Swearing his men to fight to death and never surrender and ordering one of them to bore a hole in the boat so it would sink quickly, thus "burning his bridges behind him," Le Grand pushed his little vessel alongside the big man-of-war just as night was falling. In a moment Le Grand's pirates had swarmed over the side, armed only with pistols and cutlasses, killed the watchman and Pierre ran down into the cabin, where he found the Spanish admiral playing cards.

"Jesus bless us!" exclaimed the astonished Spaniard. "Are these devils, or what are they?" Le Grand quickly assured him that they were not devils but desperate men who would kill as quickly and willingly as they would eat and drink, and demanded the surrender of the ship. The admiral realized the futility of resistance and surrendered.

Le Grand did not waste any time in looting the ship nor in allowing his men to get out of hand from liquor. He at once put his prisoners ashore and set sail for France, where he lived the rest of his life in peace.

Word of his exploit spread like wild-fire among the buccaneers of Tortuga and Hispaniola. They left their work of killing and drying beef (from which they derived the name "buccaneer") and set out to emulate Le Grand in attacking Spanish ships. No boat was too small in which to make the attempt to capture any size Spanish ship, and thus Le Grand's one exploit led to innumerable others which made the pirates of the West Indies notorious for many years.

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they, and a very likeable man.

They have two banks here with a deposits of more than we have in Sikeston, though the country is covered with rocks; most farms have piles of rocks on them, and one wonders what they are for, but upon investigation finds out that it is where they have prospected for lead, and no finding a paying strike, have moved on to other places.

Here is where they publish a road map, and the publishing house is the old publishing house which caused so much stir a few years ago by its rank articles about the Catholics. As I looked at it, and thought of the way of men, I wondered if this was not the final result of all such publications which did not give the 'other fellow' the right to think and worship God as he thought best and wise. I remembered the old A. P. A. organization of years ago, along about the 90's and how it thrived and was kept alive by the foolish who paid their money to read about what terrible things were committed by this religious body, and they too died and even in this short a time, men have forgotten the ones who headed this organization, and what it was all about; the organization which it attacked so strongly is still going strong; so it is with all such organizations they live off the foolish for awhile, some fellow waxes rich off of them, and they pass, not even leaving a hole or impression is their passing. We believe that the publishing house of today is better for the world than the old publishing house; in this place they now publish information which does the traveler some good, but the old one did no one any good but got the traveler along life's highway confused in his route and in the end he in all probability got lost before he reached the goal.

We must leave here, but would like to stay awhile longer and get better acquainted with the people. The Ozark Hotel is a fine place to stop when in Aurora. It is run by a highly respected woman who has spent years in the business and knows how to treat her guests. We enjoyed her hospitality.

On the road from Aurora to Joplin is about the same as along the route into Aurora from the north. You see cows everywhere, but we notice that along this highway they have more good Jerseys, than along where we have traveled so far. The road leading out from Aurora to Neosho is better than what we have between Springfield and Aurora, better homes too, down this way, but land no better excepting in spots.

Driving into Neosho we stopped at one of the banks and asked how times were with them, and they were very kind in explaining to me, that the cow and fruit had put them back on the map, after trying mining as a game wholly. We visited the new Pet Cream plant here. Was much surprised at the size of the plant and

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the completeness of same. The plant here cost \$250,000, is of brick and concrete construction and a model in every respect. Capacity of this plant is now 150 tons per day of milk, when fully running and another tank put in for condensing more milk, will be 200 tons per day. It takes 10,000 cows to run this plant when in full operation. Their ice capacity here is 40 tons per day. At the present time (August and running only two weeks) the pay to the farmers is running \$800 per day. Their method of getting water here is unique. Above them, some twenty feet or more in another part of town, there is a spring which flows millions of gallons of water per day, this is piped thru an 8" pipe by gravity to the plant, and as the water is very cold, they have plenty of water at all times and do not have to pump same. I visited this spring on my way out and it is a wonder, flowing out of the solid rock bluff at a tremendous rate, clear and cold. It runs under one of the Hotels here and I am told that it keeps the Hotel as cool as an ice plant in the hottest weather. We have to leave, though we could stand around and view the wonders of this little park where the spring comes out, for a long time and not get tired. Leaving Neosho we go up a steep grade in going out of the City, and along a wonderfully good gravel road till we see fish farm sign. This is where they raise fish, trout, and sell them. But not having time to spare, we pass it up. Just about the same sort of scenery all the way to Joplin, excepting now and then we see some wonderfully "spring fed" creeks, which look inviting enough to make a fellow want to get out and wade, as he did when a boy. Nice gravelly bottom, water clear and full of fish, so we are told.

Here we are in Joplin—the city of lead and politicians.

The business buildings of this town are not what one would imagine, from the natural expectation of a town of this size. There are some fine homes around the town, but mostly the farms are a pile of waste that has been dug and left after getting what lead and zinc was in it, thus making the landscape look like the sand-hills of northern Indiana and Oklahoma.

We talked to several men about the conditions in and around Joplin, and find that the farmers and land owners are going in for cows, as they have found that there is nothing permanent in lead and zinc. Most of the miners have gone to Oklahoma just over the line, where the greater lead and zinc mines are now located. When a mining town is dead, it is deadlier than any place you can well imagine.

From Joplin we go to Mount Vernon and inspect another milk condensing plant, that of the Carnation people. Here we counted 18 trucks, large ones, too, unloading or waiting to be unloaded. This is a steady stream of "milk coming in, and money going out".

This plant has been running for some time and the farmers are proving that they believe in it. Trucks go out and gather in the milk for a radius of many miles. I am told, and all along the highways you can see cream cans waiting for the trucks. This saves the farmers time in taking milk to the condenser and also saves him money, for the truck can make the trip for many cheaper than each individual farmer can make the trip just for himself. I talked to the Banker in Mt. Vernon, and he said, "were it not for that milk plant, there would be no bank here nor would there be a town today, there would be no need of either. The milk plant has saved Mt. Vernon and saved our people from want".

From my observation of the people who were in town, and there were a lot of them on account of a picnic held in celebration of the plant's anniversary, the people all looked happy, healthy and prosperous. After passing over this country and seeing their rock piles, where after every plowing and every rain they have to "pick up the rocks", one wonders what is the matter with Southeast Missouri and her people where their land is so fertile that all they need to do is to plant and get a crop, with little work, where all crops grow and a "feed store would starve", whereas here there are more feed stores furnishing feed to the farmers than any other sort. What manner of people have we, that they cant do double or even a hundred fold more than these people who are so handicapped by their soil conditions. Is adversity really an incentive for man to work the harder?

The question comes, what are we going to do about it?

If the people of what is commonly known as the Ozarks could have as much as one foot of our fertile soil spread over their land, would it enrich them, ruin them? Are we, as a people taking gear of our inheritance?

The further we go, the better we like Southeast Missouri, but we are also impressed with the fact that

we are the most wasteful people on the face of the earth. Where other people are making a living with one-tenth of the soil we have, we are going ahead making a failure by trying to do the impossible, that of trying to cultivate all the land in one section, with one man, who in many cases hasn't brains enough to farm over 40 acres and do that well. Is that the tenant's fault, or is it the landlord's? This is one thing it would be well for both landlord and tenant to figure out, and get it settled, for it is a sure fact we are not producing, per acre, per man, one-fifth what we should with the soil we have. With the climatic conditions we have and with the roads and markets we have at hand. What will our answer be when the time comes for us to give an account of our stewardship of the talents given us?

FACTS OF INTEREST TO CHICKEN OWNERS

Records from experimental results show that a good cockerel will increase the income from 60 of his pullets by \$47.58. Fifteen hens were bred to a cockerel whose dam laid 262 eggs a year. The 15 hens averaged 128 eggs a year. Sixty pullets saved from this mating averaged 152 eggs a year. When these pullets were mated with a pedigreed cockerel from 263 eggs hen the result was a bunch of pullets that averaged 183 eggs each. This is an increase of 55 eggs per hen above the original flock in two years.

Sixty hens of the original type laid 7680 eggs worth \$192.00. Sixty pullets from these hens and by the first pedigreed cockerel laid 9120 eggs worth \$227.52. The next cross produced 60 pullets that laid 10,880 eggs worth \$128.24. In other words the two cockerels brought a total increase of \$95.16 in net profits.

While the sixty hens might not lay as many eggs as the average flock of 160 to 200 hens the net profits would be greater. At the same time the tendency is to cut down on the number of eggs placed on the market.

The 60,088 hens in 327 demonstration flocks of Missouri farmers who co-operated with the College of Agriculture laid a total of 7,811,340 eggs or an average of 130 each. After paying \$1.70 feed bill they returned the owners \$2.54 per hen.

Many of these flock owners have been co-operating with the Agricultural College for several years. The average production has steadily increased from 100 eggs per hen in 1918 to 134 eggs in 1925.

In contrast to this is the average production of 70 eggs per hen for the entire state. A hen of this caliber just pays the feed bill but gives the owner no returns for his work and investment.

Poor layers take an enormous toll from the feed bins. They are too expensive to keep. None of them can produce eggs as economically as they should unless they are properly housed and fed. A good house does not necessarily mean an expensive house or does a good ration always mean the ration that costs the most.

It takes certain ingredients to make an egg. Some of these ingredients, notably protein are found in small quantities in grain such as corn, wheat and oats. The result is waste of material unless the flock is provided with other feeds to combine with the excess starchy materials in the grains.

PHEASANTS RATHER PLENTY FUL IN PART OF COUNTY

F. J. Cunningham is authority for the statement that quite a number of pheasants are to be found in Pemisnot county now—a species of game which is quite scarce in Missouri because it is not native to this section of the country. The greater part are located, he states, on portions of the large body of land owned by himself and his brothers south and west of Caruthersville, though some have been found as far away as the Braggadocio vicinity, and if let alone and permitted to propagate, it will be only a few years before they will be fairly plentiful.

He states that the birds originated from a flock which he raised in 1911 on his farm near this city, when he

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DERRIS--THE DRUGGIST

obtained a setting of eggs of the Mongolian pheasant and reared them to the almost grown stage, when he liberated them in the woods on the large tract of land mentioned, among them also being a few Mexican partridges. They have multiplied now so that hunters often run across them in those woods and it is not uncommon for them to be puzzled as to what manner of fowl they are.

A word of warning and a request to such hunters Mr. Cunningham believes may not be amiss at this time. In the first place pheasants are protected by state game laws and moreover all the Cunningham Brothers land is posted, so that hunters who fall before the temptation to bag the pheasants are liable to prosecution on two counts. In the second place, he would like to ask that the pheasants be spared for the sake of permitting them to multiply, for they are both beautiful and harmless. The Mexican quail can very well take

care of themselves, he says, and any hunter who is able to bag them will earn all he gets.—Caruthersville Democrat.

Your discarded felt hat will do nicely to be used as soles for the bedroom slippers. Use the old soles as a pattern for cutting.

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American Legion

Notices have been sent far and wide for what promises to be the largest Legion event of the year locally. Of course an exception will have to be made of the Fourth of July celebration which was put on by Henry Mel-drum Post No. 114.

The red letter event to which reference is made, is the feed that will be given by the Post on Wednesday night of this week at the Hotel Del Rey.

More than one hundred announcements have been sent to the ex-service men of this community and the responses that have arrived make the committee think that the dining room of the Del Rey will be taxed to overflowing.

Those attending will be grouped at tables according to the branch of service in which they served. Table markers have been made and it will be interesting to know how many Infantrymen, Cavalrymen, Signal Corps

wire stretchers, Gobs, Gyrgines, Engineers, Air Service, Q. Ms., Artillerymen, Medicos, and Motor Transporters will be on hand in a hungry attitude.

There will be the old songs of 1917 and '18 to live up the gang, and the ex-troopers will listen to the old gags and endeavor to impress the multitude assembled that one particular branch was the one which did the trick.

"When I was on the Border", will give way to "Now at Camp Funston". In order to set some at ease, it is stated with authority that speeches will be limited to two minutes, and if the angry mob tires sooner, they can feel free to call the Corporal of the Guard and ask for a relief.

The feed is on the Post, but there may be some revenue for the Finance Officer, however. Fines of ten cents each will be imposed, and COLLECTED, for each of the following offenses, each of which is covered by the 96th Article of War: The wearing of white collar, failure to wear a Legion emblem, and failure to appear with a Post cap.

Any colored collar or no collar at all will save a dime. One Legionaire is going to wear the O. D. shirt which he had on when he was wounded. Part of this shirt is missing, but it will not show.

Ask no questions about where he was hit. It was in the Argonne.

Many different Camps and Divisions will be represented and a long session is anticipated. Our guess is that none of the harrowing details will be omitted.

The past few days has brought the membership for 1928 up to fifty-seven and it is believed that the enthusiasm of the dinner will boost it well toward the 100 mark which has been set for 1928.

Members can save that dime for failure to wear a Legion emblem by seeing Heinie Henry or the Post Adjutant prior to Wednesday. Heinie and the Adj. will want a quarter for an emblem, which is the amount that the Post pays for them, but this will be a saving of fifteen cents. Figure it out.

In order that enough rations will be prepared, it is requested that Gus Martin, Charlie Hebbeler, or Capt. E. T. Wheatley be notified prior to 8:00 a. m. Wednesday by those who will attend. The mess sergeant at the Del Rey states that the chow will be good, but he demands enough time to make the necessary purchases and preparations and who can blame

him? Lesson number on that was learned in the good ole days, was never to argue with the mess sergeant.

Sikeston High School News

By Hallie Carey

The Sikeston Bulldogs got an excellent start in the basketball season, last Friday, when they played the Bertrand boys. During the first quarter, the Bulldogs did not shine so well, but when the half ended, the score was in our favor being 22-13.

The first team started the second half, but the second team was put in for the last quarter. The game ended with the victory in our hands, the score being 44-29.

The line-up that started the game was as follows:

"Beans" Robinson, center; Capt. Weekley, forward; Leonard Watson, forward; Weldon McDonald and Dick Swaim, guards.

The following compose the second team: Bill Baker, Kemper Bruton, Earl Keller, Raymond Aufferberg, T. B. Dudley and Garth Doss.

We hope the girls get as good a start Wednesday afternoon when we play Bell City as the boys did Friday.

Don't forget the big opening game with Dikestadt December 22 and Home Coming afterwards.

Old Santa Claus

Dear Santa Claus:

I am eight years old and in the fourth grade. Please bring me a loll that walks and talks, a doll buggy, a raincoat, a pair of red house slippers and fruits, nuts and candy. Goodbye Santa.

BETTIE LOU SIMPSON.

Dear Santa Claus:

I am writing to tell you what I want for Xmas. I am a little boy, 7 years old and I have tried to be good this year. I want a wagon and a good French harp for Xmas. Of course I want some fruit and candy. DERRIS MILLER GRAY.

NOTICE TO HUNTERS

Hunters and other trespassers are hereby notified to stay off my farm under penalty of arrest and fine.

ED F. FRY.

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Local and Personal

Mr. Churchill of Venita, Okla., is visiting his daughter, Mrs. T. A. Slack.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben F. Marshall and babe, of Blodgett, were visitors to Sikeston, Sunday.

Mrs. Tom Allen held a class recital at her home Saturday morning. Only her pupils were present.

The ladies' Sanctuary Society of Catholic church met with Mrs. Goza last Thursday afternoon.

The circle meeting of the Missionary Society will meet at the M. E. Church Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Witt's and little daughter suffered a severe fall and injured her nose last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Watkins and children spent Sunday at the Louis Watkins farm, near Vanduser.

Miss Leona Bertrand of Benton was the guest of Miss Evelyn Sutton, Thursday night of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Hamby of Morley visited the G. H. Barger family Saturday and shopped in Sikeston.

The Delphian Society held their regular meeting Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Jos. L. Matthews.

Mrs. G. P. Van Arsdale, Jr., and Mrs. Earl Johnson entertained at bridge at the Hotel Marshall, Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Jos. L. Matthews will entertain the Night Bridge Club at their home on Kingshighway, Thursday night.

Miss Mayme Marshall will entertain at bridge Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons at her home on North Kingshighway.

Mrs. Ruskin Cook has returned to her home in St. Louis, after a pleasant visit with her mother, Mrs. Maud Stubbs, in San Diego, Calif.

Christmas entertainment given by Miner Switch Baptist Sunday School at Miner church, Saturday evening, December 24, at 7:00 o'clock.

Mrs. Orland Arthur is expecting her mother, Mrs. Edward Mahler and son, Glen, of Chicago, to arrive on Thursday and visit for a week.

The Co-Workers will have their regular meeting with Mrs. A. B. Skillman, with Mrs. Emma Kendall and Mrs. Skillman as hostesses.

Emmet C. Combs of Paris, Mo., traveling for the Fly-Tox people, was a Sikeston visitor the latter part of the week and visited with The Standard editor.

Mrs. N. C. Watkins, Mrs. E. A. Matthews, Misses Catherine Smith, Lillian Shields and Miss Cowan were visitors to Cape Girardeau Saturday afternoon.

The Catholic ladies will have a bazaar at the home of Mrs. Emanuel Schorle Thursday afternoon. Cakes, candies and fancy articles will be for sale. Everybody come.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Helton, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Clippard and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Pelz of Cape Girardeau were guests of Mr. and Mrs. David Lumsden, Thursday of last week.

Among the many students who will arrive home during the week to spend the holidays with homefolks, are: Misses Barbara Beck, Virginia Freeman, Tylene Kendall, Forde Bowman and Ruth Baker.

The Miner Switch Baptist Ladies' Aid have done some fine work this year. In a number of different ways they have helped much in financing the church and hope to do greater things in the future. They have proven their loyalty to their church.

Notice has been received in Sikeston that the case of Dola Vowels vs. the Missouri Railway Co., will be heard before the Supreme Court of Missouri en banc. The case was argued before Division I and decided for the plaintiff, but the defendant railway company appealed to the full court. No date is set for the argument.



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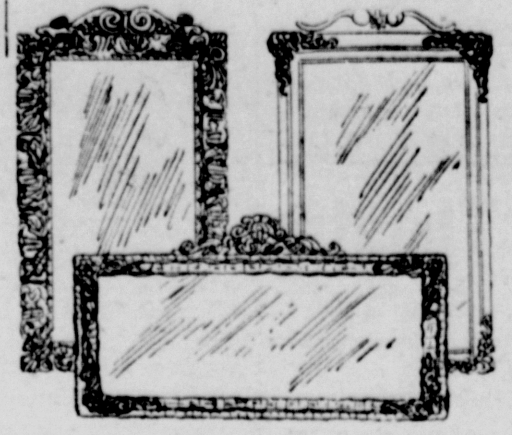
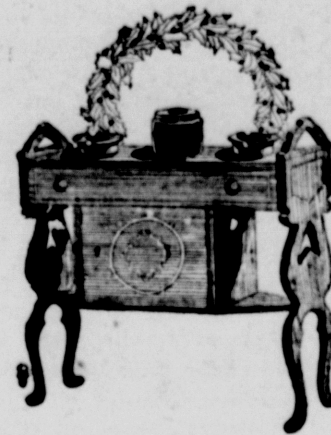
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Miss Carolyn Hess, of Sikeston, is the guest of Mrs. Highland Schorff this week-end and will speak to the Sunday School of the Methodist Church, Sunday morning.—New Madrid Record.

Dr. B. F. McMullin, who is administrator of his mother's estate, the late Mrs. Mary A. McMullin, returned from Essex, where he held an administrator's sale of her personal estate, Saturday, December 10. He reports a very successful sale.

Pleasant Hill—Cass County News is new paper being published here.

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